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News

Should vessel response plans be on the Internet?

The Coast Guard has published a notice (and a request for comments) informing submitters of vessel response plans that certain portions of their plans may be posted on the Internet for use by the general public. The notice includes an opportunity for submitters to comment on—or object to—the release of that information. Comments are due by July 6, 1999. The Coast Guard will notify all submitters who respond to this notice of the agency's decision to release or not release the information on the Internet. If there is a large number of submitters, the agency may satisfy its requirements of notification by publishing an announcement.

According to the notice, the information contained in vessel response plans is covered by the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Executive Order 12600. An exemption in the FOIA shields confidential, commercial, or financial information from release if it would cause competitive harm to the submitter. Executive Order 12600 also requires that before any executive agency releases information, it must give the submitter the opportunity to show that if released, the material would cause them competitive harm. If the submitter objects to the release of the information, the agency will weigh the submitter's arguments and make a final determination. The agency may release the information if it does not accept the submitter's assertions of confidentiality or harm.

The Coast Guard must have detailed justification to withhold material the submitter believes should not be posted on the Internet. The submitter should identify items from the list at right that might cause substantial harm to the submitter's competitive position if released to competitors; provide reasons as to why the release would be harmful; and describe specifically how the information could be used by competitors to the submitter's detriment.

Comments or objections regarding the posting of vessel response plans on the Internet should be mailed to the Docket Management Facility (USCG-1999-5484), U.S. Department of Transportation, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Comments or objections may also be faxed to the Docket Management Facility at (202) 493-2251 or sent electronically at the Web site for the Docket Management System at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

The Coast Guard intends to make the following information from its electronic database available to the general public via the Internet:

- Owner name
- Operator name
- Point of contact information for owner/operator
- Point of contact information for plan preparer
- Date of last plan update
- Plan approval status
- Plan approval date
- Plan expiration date
- Plan identification number
- Vessel name
- Vessel identification number
- Vessel flag
- Vessel type
- Hull configuration
- Vessel length
- Cargo type
- Primary or secondary carrier designation

Coast Guard to require reporting of ballast water management practices

The Coast Guard published an interim rule on May 17, 1999, which will require ships on voyages to the United States to report their ballast water management practices. As called for in the National Invasive Species Act of 1996 (NISA), the new rule also establishes voluntary guidelines on ballast water management for all waters of the United States.

This interim rule, effective July 1, 1999, requires a ship with ballast tanks, after having operated beyond the 200-mile-wide Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the United States or Canada, to provide information that documents the ship's ballast water management efforts. This information will be collected by the Coast Guard and entered into the National Ballast Water Information Clearinghouse (NBIC) database. The NBIC database will aid the Coast Guard and other interested parties in identifying the patterns of ballast water management and delivery in waters of the United States. More information is available online at <http://www.serc.si.edu/invasions/ballast.htm>. The Coast Guard expects the rule to provide benefits to the U.S. economy, environment, and public health.

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Aquatic nuisance species invasions through ballast water are recognized as a serious problem, threatening global biological diversity and human health. One of the primary pathways for the introduction and spread of nonindigenous aquatic species is a ship's ballast water. Over 21 billion gallons of foreign ballast water are discharged into U.S. waters each year.

A few of the aquatic nuisance species that have had the most dramatic invasive impacts in recent years include:

- Zebra mussels, which invaded the Great Lakes in 1986, have been projected to cause \$5 billion in economic disruption to the Great Lakes region alone by the year 2000;
- Asian clams, which filter the entire volume of the northern San Francisco Bay more than once per day, severely disrupting the food chain;
- Hydrilla, an aquatic plant that clogs waterways in 40 states and costs Florida alone \$14 million per year to control; and
- Purple loosestrife, another aquatic plant that has invaded 40 states where it displaces native vegetation and disrupts ecosystems.

These are just a few of the nonindigenous species that have arrived and are spreading throughout North America; U.S. waters also face invasions by a wide range of microscopic organisms, including viruses and bacteria that may be harmful to humans as well as aquatic life.

Since 1993, regulations have required ships entering the Great Lakes and upper portions of the Hudson River to conduct open-ocean exchanges of their ballast water prior to using these waterways. During this procedure, a ship replaces the water in its ballast tanks with water that is less likely to contain potentially invasive species. This is currently defined as water from outside the EEZ with a depth of at least 2000 meters. Conducting a ballast water exchange is an operation that has drawbacks, including concerns about ship safety, but it is the best solution presently available.

This new rule will implement Voluntary National Guidelines of the NISA, and it will help control the spread of invasive species by:

- Requiring operators of ships entering U.S. waters after having operated beyond the 200-mile-wide EEZ to submit ballast water management reports to the Coast Guard;
- Recommending voluntary ballast water management guidelines for operators of ships entering U.S. waters after having operated beyond the EEZ; and
- Promoting ballast water management for operators of all ships in any U.S. waters.

There is no civil or criminal penalty for not following the Voluntary National Guidelines. However, if the Secretary of Transportation determines that the rate of effective compliance is inadequate, or reporting by ships is not adequate to assess compliance, the NISA authorizes mandatory procedures for ballast water management. If compliance is inadequate, then penalty provisions would be included.

For the Coast Guard to assess the effectiveness of the Voluntary National Guidelines, ships need to report their ballast water management practices (to the Coast Guard) using the Ballast Water Reporting Form from either the U.S. (preferred) or the International Maritime Organization. The Coast Guard will distribute copies of the U.S. form during its inspection activities and will provide bulk copies to organizations requesting them. The form and instructions for completing it are also available on the NBIC Web site at <http://www.serc.si.edu/invasions/ballast.htm>.

Before a ship departs from the first port of call, its operator must complete the form and choose one of the following methods to send it:

- a) Fax the information to the U.S. Coast Guard c/o the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (SERC) at (301) 261-4319;
- b) Transmit the information electronically to the NBIC at: <http://www.serc.si.edu/invasions/ballast.htm>; or,
- c) Mail the information to: U.S. Coast Guard, c/o Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, P.O. Box 28, Edgewater, MD 21037-0028.

The NISA also directed the Coast Guard, in conjunction with the SERC, to develop a clearinghouse for the synthesis, analysis, and interpretation of national data concerning ballast water management and ballast-mediated invasions. The NBIC was established at SERC in 1997 and will provide:

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- Spatial and temporal patterns of ballast water delivery and management;
- Patterns and rates of marine and estuarine invasions;
- Directory of current and past research on ballast management practices and ballast-mediated invasions;
- General information on a broad range of topics relevant to this issue.

The Coast Guard has created new billets at its Marine Safety Offices to assist in the implementation of the interim rule and monitor compliance. Central elements of the Coast Guard's ballast water management program include:

- Educating the maritime community about the irreversible impacts of invasive species;
- Collecting data on the level of compliance with the Voluntary National Guidelines;
- Working with others to explore new technologies that can replace ballast water exchange.
- Continue working through the International Maritime Organization to develop a legally binding international instrument for ballast water management.

Additional information and copies of the interim rule are available online at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/mso4/First.htm> or from the project officer, LT Mary Pat McKeown, Office of Environmental Standards (G-MSO-4), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW, Washington, DC 20593. Her telephone number is (202) 267-0500, and requests may be faxed to (202) 267-4690.

Mandatory ship reporting systems

The Coast Guard is implementing two mandatory ship reporting systems in an effort to reduce the threat of ship strikes to endangered northern right whales (also known as the North Atlantic right whale). Based on a proposal by the United States, the International Maritime Organization adopted a resolution to establish these systems. The mandatory ship reporting systems are designed to inform mariners travelling in certain areas off the U.S. east coast of the presence of whales in these areas so actions can be taken to avoid collisions with the whales.

Two mandatory ship reporting systems are necessary because northern right whales frequent two distinct areas of the Atlantic coast of the United States. The northeastern reporting system is located mainly off the coast of Massachusetts and comprises the right whale's main feeding grounds. The southeastern reporting system is located off the coasts of Florida and Georgia and makes up the only known calving grounds for the right whale.

There are approximately 300 northern right whales living in the North Atlantic ocean. Northern right whales are the rarest type of whale in the world and are protected from disturbance and injury by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 and the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972. Since northern right whales frequently swim, feed, and rest at the surface, they are very vulnerable to ship strikes. In May, Whale-watching boats in the Cape Cod area agreed to voluntary restrictions on throttle speed and viewing distance after a right whale was struck by a boat and died off the cape.

The Coast Guard published the Interim Rule implementing the mandatory ship reporting systems on June 1, 1999 (64 FR 29229). It is effective on July 1, 1999.

Comments on the rule must be submitted to the Docket Management Facility on or before July 1, 1999. If you have questions about the Interim Rule, call Mr. Edward LaRue, Office of Waterways Services, at (202) 267-0416.

Coast Guard joins forces with manufacturer to put cap on personal watercraft speeds

Just as the summer boating season arrived, the Coast Guard and Bombardier Recreational Products, makers of SEA DOO watercraft, announced plans to pursue an industry-wide 65-mph speed limit on personal watercraft.

"Over the last several years, the Coast Guard has noticed a growing trend towards faster personal watercraft," said Capt. Michael F. Holmes, chief, Office of Boating Safety, USCG. "Our goal is to provide a balance

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between fun and safety; speeds in excess of 65 mph upset this delicate balance. Working with industry, we will make the waterways safer for all boaters.”

As with a traditional boat, the Coast Guard classifies a personal watercraft as a “Class-A” inboard boat, less than 16 feet in length, that must obey navigation rules and retains all the privileges and responsibilities given to other power-driven vessels on the water. There are an estimated one million registered personal watercraft in use in the United States. In 1998, personal watercraft made up more than one third of all boats sold. They also have the highest accident rate, and there were a record 84 fatalities in 1997, the last year for which there are records available.

Bombardier wants to ensure that “the waterways remain safe for everyone,” said Henry Lonski, vice president and general manager of SEA DOO watercraft. “For our upcoming year 2000 SEA DOO watercraft lineup, none of our production models exceed 65 mph. We challenge the rest of the industry to join us in capping top speeds on personal watercraft at 65 mph.”

“This measure will eliminate an industry-wide speed war,” commented Capt. Holmes, “and return boating back to its roots of family fun.”

Differential Global Positioning System now operational

On March 20, the Coast Guard announced that it has determined that the Maritime Differential Global Positioning System (DGPS) Service has achieved full operational capability. The network now meets the high standards for accuracy, integrity, reliability, availability, and coverage required for the Harbor Entrance and Approach phase of maritime navigation. In addition, the Coast Guard announced that it is beginning expansion of DGPS into the continental U.S. as the Nationwide DGPS (NDGPS). The NDCPS will have the same signal characteristics as the Maritime DGPS Service. However, until it is fully operational, it may not meet the same coverage, availability, and reliability specifications. A copy of the complete notice can be obtained via e-mail at nisws@smtp.navcen.uscg.mil or on the Internet at <http://www.navcen.uscg.mil>. For questions regarding the notice, contact LT Terry Johns, Office of Aids to Navigation, Radio Aids Division, at (202) 267-6538.

New videos in marine safety

Instructional videotapes focus on maritime medical emergencies

The Maritime Medical Emergencies Joint Venture has released the first four titles in its “Lessons From Real Life at Sea” instructional video series. Based on actual incidents drawn from the case files of Maritime Health Services, a Seattle firm that has provided professional medical consultation to vessels at sea on some 10,000 occasions, the videotapes depict appropriate treatment of injuries and illnesses that commonly afflict marine personnel. The four videotapes cover treatment of heart attack including the use of a defibrillator; treatment of contaminated eyes; treatment of severe trauma; and treatment of angina.

Filmed aboard deep sea vessels including a seagoing tug and a container ship, these videos present medical professionals portraying shipboard medical officers as they treat crewmembers with onboard medical supplies and equipment. The programs demonstrate emergency medical techniques in documentary fashion, with a minimum of theory. Companion lesson guides facilitate the use of the videotapes in training and offer a means of self-examination.

In addition to demonstrating vital procedures like the use of a defibrillator, administration of oxygen, starting IVs, performing injections, dressing wounds and moving patients with suspected back or neck injuries, the videotapes offer important case management strategies. These programs will be important resources for vessel operators striving to comply with Standards for Training, Certification and Watchkeeping requirements.

The videotapes are available in U.S. NTSC video format as well as international formats like PAL.

Ordering information: John Sabella & Associates, Inc., 805 W. Emerson St., Seattle, Washington, 98119. Tel.: (206) 281-8626, Fax: (206) 217-0899.

Visit their Web site at www.johnsabella.com, or e-mail info@johnsabella.com.

New Publications in marine Safety

Oil Spill Response Performance Review of Skimmers

By Robert Schulze.

150 pages, illustrated.

Summary from the book's Preface:

Soon after the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90) became law, the ASTM Committee F20 on Hazardous Substances and Oil Spill Response began a major effort to upgrade existing standards on oil spill response and develop new ones that would support OPA 90 and the new public and government emphasis on oil spill response and control. More than 20 new standards were developed and many existing standards were revised. One of these Standards—Standard Guide for the Selection of Skimmers for Oil Spill Response (F 1778-97)—defines skimmers according to type and lists selection considerations for their use.

As work progressed on F 1778-97, it was recognized that skimmer performance based on government and independent tests would be very important to providing the user with all the information necessary for selecting skimmers for various applications. At first it seemed reasonable to assume that a report, or digest, of test information could be an appendix to the Standard. A preliminary review of test reports showed that there was far more information available than could be handled as an appendix, and that it would not be appropriate to make this information part of an ASTM Standard.

At this point the F20 Committee began searching for other ways to make test information available to the user. The decision was made to produce an ASTM Review describing skimmer performance test results.

The current Review only contains information on oil spill skimmers. It is anticipated that future editions will add test information on containment boom, oil/water separators, pumps, and other oil spill response products. Thus the plan is to periodically update the Review with new information and add new sections so that it will finally cover results of all testing of oil spill response and equipment.

Ordering information: ASTM, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959;
Tel.: (610) 832-9500; Fax: (610) 832-9555; e-mail: service@astm.org; Internet: www.astm.org

What's New on the World Wide Web

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

NVIC 5-99—Guidance Regarding Voluntary Compliance with the International Management Code for the Safe Operation of Ships and for Pollution

http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/nvic/5_99/n5-99.pdf

Approved Courses—These are the courses approved by the Coast Guard as of the beginning of June. Courses are listed alphabetically by school and then by course. Information provided includes the approval expiration requirements date and what the course satisfies.

<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/marppers/examques/achome.htm>

NMC Policy Letter 7-99—Review of the National Driver Register (NDR) when issuing mariners' credentials. For a complete list go to:

<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/marppers/pag/policy.htm>

Advisory Committees—CTAC, CFIVAC, and HOGANSAC

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

Regulations Information

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

G-MOR Office of Response—The Office of Response 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 and commerce.

<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/mor/default.html>

STCW

<http://www.uscg.mil/STCW/>

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 seminars raise awareness of piracy and armed robbery against ships

There were an alarming 1,455 reported incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships from 1984 through the end of April 1999. The number of attacks worldwide declined from 1997 to 1998, but all is not well. Last year, a total of 51 crewmembers were killed and 31 were wounded during incidents of piracy or armed robbery. Most of the attacks occurred in territorial waters while the ships were at anchor or berthed. In many of the reports received, the crews were violently attacked by groups of one to five people armed with guns. On two occasions, pirates used false distress signals to deceive their victims.

Governments need to intensify their efforts to combat piracy and armed robbery against ships and the International Maritime Organization (IMO) should consider developing an international code for the investigation of—and an appropriate punishment for—the crime.

These were the conclusions reached at the first of a series of IMO-organized regional seminars to discuss the prevention and suppression of piracy and armed robbery against ships. The areas that were hit the hardest by piracy last year were the Far East (in particular the South China Sea and the Malacca Strait), South America and the Caribbean, the Indian Ocean, and West and East Africa.

The most recent seminar and workshop took place in Singapore, for the South East Asia region, in February. In October 1998, a seminar and workshop on piracy and armed robbery against ships for the Latin American and Wider Caribbean region was conducted in Brasilia, Brazil.

At both seminars, participating states agreed: Despite recent declines in the numbers of attacks, piracy and armed robbery against ships represent a serious problem and may pose a threat to the safety of life at sea.

IMO notes that the fight against piracy and armed robbery against ships is, in some cases, hampered by the absence of effective procedures in some countries for investigating reported cases of piracy committed on the high seas. In cases where arrests have been made, some countries do not have in place the legislative framework necessary to adequately punish those people convicted of piracy. There is a need to harmonize, at an international level, procedures for investigating reported cases of piracy and for the punishment or extradition of suspects of such crimes.

The seminar reviewed circulars issued by IMO aimed at dealing with piracy and proposed changes to update the circulars and make the guidelines more comprehensive. These proposed changes will be put forward to the MSC. The circulars concerned are:

- MSC/Circ. 622 **Recommendations to governments for combating piracy and armed robbery against ships** analyzes the types of attacks encountered by ships in different parts of the world and suggests possible countermeasures that could be employed by Rescue Coordination Centres and security forces.

DECLINE OF PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY AGAINST SHIPS, 1997-1998

Year	Total	Malacca Strait	South China Sea	South America and Caribbean
1997	252	8	101	45
1998	210	6	94	38
% Decline	16.6	25	6.9	15.5

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• MSC/Circ. 623 **Guidance to shipowners and ship operators, shipmasters and crews on preventing and suppressing acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships** contains advice on measures that could be taken onboard to prevent attacks or, when they occur, to minimize the danger to the crew and ship.

In addition to the piracy seminars, IMO has sent missions of experts to certain countries to increase awareness of the problem of piracy and armed robbery against ships, impressing on those countries the need for action and also motivating political will to act at national and regional levels.

The first mission took place in October 1998 when the IMO team visited Manila, Kuala Lumpur, and Jakarta. The team consisted of representatives from the governments of Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States; observers from the International Chamber of Shipping and International Shipping Federation and International Transport Workers' Federation; and IMO staff members.

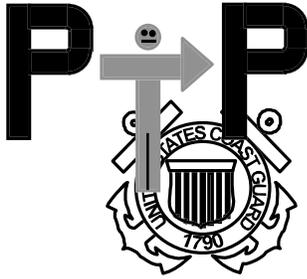
A similar mission was undertaken to the ports of Santos and Rio de Janeiro in Brazil in October 1998. A third mission, followed by a regional seminar and workshop, is scheduled to take place in West Africa in the second half of 1999.

Program of IMO Meetings for 1999

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

* Tentative

Prevention Through People



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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The Telephone Game

Most of us are probably familiar with the childhood game "Telephone." You gather a few friends. One person thinks of a sentence, then whispers it to the person next to him. That person whispers it to the person beside him, and this continues to the end of the line where the last person announces what he's just heard. It is almost always completely different from the original sentence. It makes for an amusing game, but it also demonstrates a point that many of us need to understand.

Simply: the more people involved in passing along information, the more twisted the original statement is going to be. In many cases, a misstated order can bring disastrous results. Active listening is important. What is "active" listening, though? It is listening to someone's entire comment and not interrupting or passing judgment beforehand. It is an extra few seconds of time so often wasted because we cut people off, tune them out, or dismiss their comments without actually reviewing the validity of them. We recognize that passing along orders is a necessary component of many people's jobs. Information has to be filtered up and down a chain. However, we all need to be extra careful confirming the information you are hearing before passing it along.

Communication is very important in preventing human errors. Interestingly enough, it is often the simplest ideas that make the most sense. "Paying more attention to what people say" isn't a new concept, it's not a difficult one, and it's certainly not a problem to understand or implement. Precisely because it is so simple and easy, it can be easily forgotten or tossed aside. In a way, that's what PTP is about—gathering up some simple ideas and publicizing them for others to see.

For those of us who have played the telephone game, we've seen how crazy the sentences end up. What's the lesson? Keep the telephone game just that—a game. In a circle of friends, the weird changes that a sentence takes on are funny. In real life, there's little humor in receiving wrong information. Recognize that filtering information through excess channels, or not paying attention to them, increases the chances of the message being changed. That can affect safety. Play safe!

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G-M Studies

The following is a list of G-M studies and reports under development, including their status and contact person. 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.

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). Notice of meeting; extension of comment period published on April 15, 1999 (64 FR 18651). Comment period closed on May 31, 1999. Public meeting was held on May 12 in Seattle.

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

Port Access Routes Study for Approaches to Los Angeles and Long Beach

The Coast Guard is conducting a study of port-access routes for the approaches to Los Angeles and Long Beach. The study will evaluate potential effects of recent port improvement projects on navigational safety and vessel traffic management efficiency in the study area and may recommend changes to existing vessel routing measures. The recommendations of the study may lead to future rulemaking.

Status: Request for comments [USCG-1999-5198] published on March 11, 1999 (64 FR 12139). Comment period closed on May 10, 1999.

Contact: Mike VanHouten, Tel.: (510) 437-2968.

G-M Regulatory Projects

The following is a list of select G-M regulatory projects including their status and point of contact information. 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].

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 19, 1999 (64 FR 19039), the Coast Guard published a notice delaying the effective date of subpart D until October 24, 1999.

Status: IFR published in April 25, 1995 (60 FR 20310). SNPRM being drafted.

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

G-M Regulatory Projects (Cont'd)

USCG 1999-5705 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 closed September 3, 1996. Proposed regulations are in clearance.

Contact: LT Michael Roldan, Tel.: (202) 267-0106, 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 was 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: Mr. Gerry Mianta, Tel.: (202) 267-0221.

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 September 28, 1998. Final rule in clearance.

Contact: CDR Mark McEwen, Tel.: (202) 267-1409.

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 and request for comments published on February 4, 1998 (63 FR 5767). Comment period closed October 15, 1998. Preparing proposed rule.

Contact: Mr. Peter Eareckson, Tel.: (202) 366-6502.

G-M Regulatory Projects (Cont'd)

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

To comply with the National Invasive Species Act of 1996 (NISA), the Coast Guard establishes both regulations and voluntary guidelines to control the invasion of aquatic nuisance species (ANS). Ballast water from ships is one of the largest pathways for the intercontinental introduction and spread of ANS. This rule amends existing regulations for the Great Lakes ecosystem, establishes voluntary ballast water management guidelines for all other waters of the United States, and establishes mandatory reporting for nearly all vessels entering waters of the United States.

Status: Interim rule with request for comments published on May 17, 1999 (64 FR 26672). Effective date is July 1, 1999. Comments and related material must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before July 16, 1999.

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

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.

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 closed March 1, 1999. Final Rule being drafted.

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

USCG-1998-4354 Tank Vessel Response Plans for Hazardous Substances

The Coast Guard proposes regulations that would require response plans for certain tank vessels operating on the navigable waters of the United States that could reasonably be expected to cause substantial or significant and substantial harm to the environment by discharging a hazardous substance. These regulations are mandated by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90), which requires the President to issue regulations requiring the preparation of hazardous substance response plans. The primary purpose of requiring response plans is to minimize the impact of a discharge of hazardous substances into the navigable waters of the United States.

Status: NPRM published on March 22, 1999 (64 FR 13734). Submit comments on or before June 21, 1999.

Contact: LT Michael Roldan, Tel.: (202) 267-0106.

G-M Regulatory Projects (cont'd)

USCG 1998-4399
Automatic Identification 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. NPRM being drafted.

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. Notice of meeting; reopening of comment period published on April 15, 1999 (64 FR 18576). Comment period extended until June 10, 1999. Public meeting held in Washington, DC on May 12, 1999.

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

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: Final Rule was published on April 27, 1999 (64 FR 22555). Correction being made to Web site on page 22550; second column, line 10 to read: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/nmc/genpub.htm>.

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

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 has begun 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 was published November 24, 1998 (63 FR 64937). Comment period closed on May 24, 1999.

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 was published on November 2, 1998 (63 FR 58679). Comment period extended on December 28, 1998 (63 FR 71411). Comment period closed on March 4, 1999. Final rule being drafted.

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

G-M Regulatory Projects (cont'd)

USCG-1999-5040 Safety of Uninspected Passenger Vessels under the Passenger Vessel Safety Act of 1993

The Coast Guard will propose regulations that implement safety measures for uninspected passenger vessels under the Passenger Vessel Safety Act of 1993 (PVSA). These regulations will implement the new class of uninspected passenger vessel of at least 100 gross tons, address the confusion regarding bareboat charters, provide for the issuance of special permits to certain uninspected passenger vessels, and develop specific manning, structural fire protection, operating, and equipment requirements for a limited fleet of PVSA exempted vessels.

Status: ANPRM published on April 1, 1999 (64 FR 15709). Submit comments on or before June 30, 1999.

Contact: LT Keith B. Janssen, Tel.: (202) 267-1055.

USCG-1999-5525 Mandatory Ship Reporting Systems

The Coast Guard is implementing two mandatory ship reporting systems in an effort to reduce the threat of ship strikes to endangered northern right whales (also known as the North Atlantic right whale). Based on a proposal by the United States, the International Maritime Organization adopted a resolution to establish these systems. The mandatory ship reporting systems are designed to inform mariners of the presence of whales in certain areas, so that mariners travelling in those areas can take actions to avoid collisions with the whales.

Status: Interim rule with request for comments published on June 1, 1999. Comments and related materials must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before July 1, 1999.

Contact: Mr. Edward LaRue, Tel.: (202) 267-0416.

Notice:

- The phone system for the Coast Guard offices in Ballston has been changed. This includes the National Maritime Center, National Pollution Funds Center, and Coast Guard recruiters. Please call the main number at (202) 493-1074 to reach staffers.
- The staff of the Marine Safety Newsletter is happy to provide space for information concerning upcoming courses and training offerings. This service is of great assistance to our subscribers, and is apparently equally appreciated by those who post their courses in the Newsletter. Unfortunately the number of submissions has been overwhelming in the past months and the space used in this regard is crowding out space for seminars, symposia and public meetings. As a result, the number of course and training offerings posted will be limited to five. The Editor reserves the right to make decisions concerning inclusion based on relevance to the Newsletter's subscribers. Preference will be given to those submissions received before the 20th of the month preceding publication. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

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Calendar of Events

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**

Tank Barge PIC*

Sponsor: Texas A&M Center for Marine Training and Safety
Dates: July 5-8; Aug. 2-5, 1999
Location: Galveston, TX
Contact: Cherry Young, Tel.: (409) 740-4893, Fax: (409) 744-2890

ARPA*

Sponsor: Pacific Northwest Radar School
Dates: July 5-9, 1999
Location: Seattle, WA
Contact: Gregg Trunnell, Tel.: (206) 441-2880, Fax: (206) 441-2995, e-mail: pnwradar@mates.org

Radar Observer, Unlimited*

Sponsor: Northeast Maritime Institute
Dates: July 5-9; Aug. 2-6; Sept. 6-10; Oct. 4-8; Nov. 1-5; Dec. 6-10, 1999
Location: Northeast Maritime Institute, 66 Spring St., New Bedford, MA 02740
Contact: Tel.: (508) 992-4025, Fax: (508) 992-9184, e-mail: carpentr@northeastmaritime.com

Train the Trainer Course

Sponsor: RTM Star Center
Dates: July 5-9; Aug. 9-13; 23-27; Sept. 6-10, 1999
Location: RTM Star Center, 2 W. Dixie Hwy., Dania, FL 33004
Contact: RTM Star Center, Tel.: (800) 445-4522, Fax: (954) 920-4268, Internet: www.star-center.com

GMDSS Operator*

Sponsor: Progressive Training Solutions
Dates: July 5-16; Aug. 9-20, 1999
Location: North Stonington, CT
Contact: William Parker, Tel.: (941) 637-8537, e-mail: wjparker@seatrains.com

Global Maritime Distress & Safety System (GMDSS)*

Sponsor: RTM Star Center
Dates: July 5-16; Aug. 30-Sept. 10; Nov. 1-12, 1999
Location: RTM Star Center, 2 W. Dixie Hwy., Dania, FL 33004
Contact: RTM Star Center, Tel.: (800) 445-4522, Fax: (954) 920-4268, Internet: www.star-center.com

Permit Required Confined Space Entry

Sponsor: IMS Environmental Services
Dates: July 7, 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

Navigation: Collision Avoidance

Sponsor: NPFVOA Vessel Safety Program
Dates: July 7; Aug. 9; Sept. 13; Oct. 13; Nov. 8; Dec. 3, 1999
Location: Fisherman's Terminal, Seattle, WA
Contact: Kasi VerBruggen, Tel.: (206) 285-3383, Fax: (206) 286-9332, e-mail: npfvoa@halcyon.com, Internet: www.halcyon.com/npfvoa

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Incident Command System – Level 200 and Level 300 Training

Sponsor: IMS Environmental Services
Dates: July 8-9, 1999
Location: IMS Environmental Services Training Center, Chesapeake, VA
Contact: Phil Biedenbender or Joe Couch, Tel.: (757) 436-3000, Fax: (757) 549-0990, e-mail: IMStrain@aol.com

Hazwoper

Sponsor: TOPS in Emergency Response, Inc.
Dates: July 10-11; 17-18; Aug. 20-24; Oct. 2-3; 9-10; Nov. 1-5, 1999
Location: Rahway, NJ / Stanhope, NJ
Contact: Philip E. Solomon, Tel.: (732) 340-0044, Fax: (732) 388-1691, e-mail: response@compuserve.com

HAZWOPER Refresher

Sponsor: IMS Environmental Services
Dates: July 12; 13; 14; Aug. 23; 24; 25, 1999
Location: IMS Environmental Services Training Center, Chesapeake, VA
Contact: Phil Biedenbender or Steve May, Tel.: (757) 436-3000, Fax: (757) 549-0990, e-mail: IMStrain@aol.com

OSHA Hazwoper

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

Modern Safety Management

Sponsor: Det Norske Veritas Training
Dates: July 12-15; Aug. 9-12, 9-16, 23-26, 1999
Location: Atlanta, GA; Houston, TX; San Francisco, CA
Contact: 3805 Crestwood Parkway, Suite 200, Duluth, GA 30096, Tel.: (770) 279-0001; Fax: (770) 279-0282

Basic Safety Training Program*

Sponsor: RTM Star Center
Dates: July 12-15; Aug. 16-19; Sept. 20-23, 1999
Location: RTM Star Center, 2 W. Dixie Hwy., Dania, FL 33004
Contact: RTM Star Center, Tel.: (800) 445-4522, Fax: (954) 920-4268, Internet: www.star-center.com

Fundamentals Diesel Engines*

Sponsor: USMMA Continuing Education
Dates: July 12-16, 1999
Location: USMMA, Kings Point, NY
Contact: John Hanus or Meredith Hobbs, Tel.: (516) 773-5162, Fax: (516) 773-5353, e-mail: hobbsm@usmma.edu

HAZWOPER (e) – Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup

Sponsor: IMS Environmental Services
Dates: July 12-16, 1999
Location: IMS Environmental Services Training Center, Chesapeake, VA
Contact: Phil Biedenbender or Steve May, Tel.: (757) 436-3000, Fax: (757) 549-0990, e-mail: IMStrain@aol.com

Industrial Fire Brigade Leadership (Incident Command System)

Sponsor: Lamar University – The Center for Industrial Fire and Hazardous Materials Training
Dates: 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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Bridge Resource Management*

Sponsor: Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Center for Maritime Training
Dates: July 12-16; 22-27, 1999
Location: MMA Campus, 101 Academy Drive, Buzzards Bay, MA 02532
Contact: George Gillis, Tel.: (508) 830-5097, Fax: (508) 830-5018, e-mail: ggillis@mma.mass.edu

STCW Safety Modules*

Sponsor: USMMA Continuing Education
Dates: July 12-16; Sept. 13-17, 1999
Location: USMMA, Kings Point, NY
Contact: John Hanus or Meredith Hobbs, Tel.: (516) 773-5162, Fax: (516) 773-5353, e-mail: hobbsm@usmma.edu

ARPA*

Sponsor: USMMA Continuing Education
Dates: July 12-16; Sept. 13-17, 1999
Location: USMMA, Kings Point, NY
Contact: John Hanus or Meredith Hobbs, Tel.: (516) 773-5162, Fax: (516) 773-5353, e-mail: hobbsm@usmma.edu

Tankerman PIC*

Sponsor: RTM Star Center
Dates: July 12-16; Aug. 2-6; Sept. 13-17, 1999
Location: RTM Star Center, 2 W. Dixie Hwy., Dania, FL 33004
Contact: RTM Star Center, Tel.: (800) 445-4522, Fax: (954) 920-4268, Internet: www.star-center.com

OSHA Hazwoper

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

Tankship Dangerous Liquids

Sponsor: Training Resources, Ltd.
Date/Location: July 12-16; Aug. 2-6; Sept. 13-17; Oct. 4-8; Nov. 1-5; 29-Dec. 3; 6-10, San Diego, CA;
Aug. 23-27; Nov. 15-19, Long Beach, CA; July 26-30; Oct. 18-22, Anchorage, AK;
Sept. 27- Oct. 1, Portland, OR
Contact: Ray Addicott, Training Resources, Tel.: (510) 704-8978, Fax: 510-704-8975

Medical Emergencies at Sea

Sponsor: NPFVOA Vessel Safety Program
Dates: July 13; Aug. 10; Sept. 10; Oct. 5; Nov. 3; Dec. 8, 1999
Location: Fisherman's Terminal, Seattle, WA
Contact: Kasi VerBruggen Tel.: (206) 285-3383, Fax: (206) 286-9332, e-mail: npfvoa@halcyon.com,
Internet: www.halcyon.com/npfvoa

Fire Prevention and Control

Sponsor: NPFVOA Vessel Safety Program
Dates: July 14; Aug. 11; Sept. 7; Oct. 6; Nov. 4; Dec. 7, 1999
Location: Fisherman's Terminal, Seattle, WA
Contact: Kasi VerBruggen, Tel.: (206) 285-3383, Fax: (206) 286-9332, e-mail: npfvoa@halcyon.com,
Internet: www.halcyon.com/npfvoa

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Safety Equipment & Survival Procedures

Sponsor: NPFVOA Vessel Safety Program
Dates: July 17; Aug. 14; Sept. 11; Oct. 9; Nov. 6; Dec. 4, 1999
Location: Fisherman's Terminal, Seattle, WA
Contact: Kasi VerBruggen, Tel.: (206) 285-3383, Fax: (206) 286-9332, e-mail: npfvoa@halcyon.com, Internet: www.halcyon.com/npfvoa

OSHA General Industry Train the Trainer

Sponsor: Environmental & Safety Services, Inc.
Date/Location: July 19-23, St. Charles, LA; Aug. 23-27, Pittsburgh, PA; Sept. 27- Oct. 1, Cincinnati, OH; Oct. 25-29, Atlanta, GA; Nov. 15-19, 1999, Houston, TX
Contact: Eric Gislason, P.O. Box 3394, Wilmington, NC 28406, Tel.: (910) 763-6999, Fax: (910) 763-8709

Train the Trainer (Training and Safety Officer)

Sponsor: Progressive Training Solutions
Dates: July 19-23; Aug. 2-6; 23-27, 1999
Location: Various
Contact: William Parker, Tel.: (941) 637-8537, e-mail: wjparker@seatrain.com

Tankship/Barge Dangerous Liquid Cargo*

Sponsor: USMMA Continuing Education
Dates: July 19-23; Sept. 20-24, 1999
Location: USMMA, Kings Point, NY
Contact: John Hanus or Meredith Hobbs, Tel.: (516) 773-5162, Fax: (516) 773-5353, e-mail: hobbsm@usmma.edu

Coastal Oil Spill Response and Safety

Sponsor: Texas A&M University Corpus Christi National Spill Control School
Dates: July 19-23; Sept. 27-Oct. 1, 1999
Location: Texas A&M University Corpus Christi
Contact: Tel.: (512) 980-3333, Fax: (512) 980-3337, e-mail: nscs@tamucc.edu; www.sci.tamucc.edu/nscs

Qualified Individual/QI Refresher

Sponsor: Prince William Sound Community College
Dates: July 19-23; 21-23 (refresher)
Location: PWSCC Campus, Valdez, AK
Contact: Tony Restivo, Tel.: (907) 834-1645, Fax: (907) 834-1661, e-mail: vnajr@uaa.alaska.edu

GMDSS*

Sponsor: GSI Marine Training/International Maritime Consultants
Dates: July 19-29; August 9-19; 30-September 9; 20-30, 1999
Location: Houston, TX
Contact: GSI, Tel.: (281) 542-6000, Fax: (281) 542-6294, e-mail: training@gsimarine.com

GMDSS Practical Course*

Sponsor: GSI Marine Training/International Maritime Consultants
Dates: July 19-29; August 9-13; 30-September 3; 20-24, 1999
Location: Houston, TX
Contact: GSI, Tel.: (281) 542-6000, Fax: (281) 542-6294, e-mail: training@gsimarine.com

GMDSS*

Sponsor: Pacific Northwest Radar School
Dates: July 19-30, 1999
Location: Seattle, WA
Contact: Gregg Trunnell, Tel.: (206) 441-2880, Fax: (206) 441-2995, e-mail: pnwradar@mates.org

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GMDSS*

Sponsor: Training Resources, Ltd. and Mercomms Unlimited
Dates: July 19-30; Aug. 16-27; Sept. 13-24; Oct. 18-29; Nov. 8-19; Dec. 6-17, 1999
Location: San Diego, CA
Contact: Ray Addicott, Training Resources, Tel.: (510) 704-8978, Fax: (510) 704-8975

GMDSS*

Sponsor: USMMA Continuing Education
Dates: July 19-30; Aug. 16-27; Sept. 20-31, 1999
Location: USMMA, Kings Point, NY
Contact: John Hanus or Meredith Hobbs, Tel.: (516) 773-5162, Fax: (516) 773-5353, e-mail: hobbsm@usmma.edu

Safe Cargo Handling

Sponsor: NPFVOA Vessel Safety Program
Dates: July 20; Aug. 17; Sept. 21; Oct. 19; Nov. 16; Dec. 14, 1999
Location: Fisherman's Terminal, Seattle, WA
Contact: Kasi VerBruggen, Tel.: (206) 285-3383, Fax: (206) 286-9332, e-mail: npfvoa@halcyon.com, Internet: www.halcyon.com/npfvoa

Bridge Resource Management*

Sponsor: RTM Star Center
Dates: July 20-22; Sept. 7-9, 1999
Location: RTM Star Center, 2 W. Dixie Hwy., Dania, FL 33004
Contact: RTM Star Center, Tel.: (800) 445-4522, Fax: (954) 920-4268, Internet: www.star-center.com

Medical Training for Mariners – Advanced

Sponsor: RTM Star Center
Dates: July 20-30, 1999
Location: RTM Star Center, 2 W. Dixie Hwy., Dania, FL 33004
Contact: RTM Star Center, Tel.: (800) 445-4522, Fax: (954) 920-4268, Internet: www.star-center.com

Trawl Deck Safety

Sponsor: NPFVOA Vessel Safety Program
Dates: July 21; Aug. 18; Sept. 22; Oct. 20; Nov. 17; Dec. 15, 1999
Location: Fisherman's Terminal, Seattle, WA
Contact: Kasi VerBruggen, Tel.: (206) 285-3383, Fax: (206) 286-9332, e-mail: npfvoa@halcyon.com, Internet: www.halcyon.com/npfvoa

OSHA 10-Hour Construction Course

Sponsor: IMS Environmental Services
Dates: July 21-22, 1999
Location: IMS Environmental Services Training Center, Chesapeake, VA
Contact: Phil Biedenbender or Pete Brunk, Tel.: (757) 436-3000, Fax (757) 549-0990, e-mail: IMStrain@aol.com

Hazardous Materials Training

Sponsor: National Cargo Bureau, Inc.
Dates/Locations: July 21-22; Sept. 22-23; Aug. 25, 1999 (1-day containerization), Charleston, SC; July 6-7; Aug. 9-10; Sept. 13-14, 1999, Honolulu, HI; July 21-22; Aug. 10-11; Sept. 8-9, 1999, Houston, TX; Aug. 9-10; July 12 and Aug. 13, 1999 (1-day containerization), New Orleans, LA; July 14-16; Aug. 19-20; Sept. 22-24, 1999, New York, NY; July 13-14; Aug. 24-25; Sept. 27-28, 1999, San Francisco, CA; July 20; Aug. 31; Sept. 30, 1999, SFO; July 13-14; Aug. 10-11; Sept. 14-15; July 21; Aug. 18; Sept. 22, 1999 (1-day containerization), Seattle, WA
Contact: Sam Rogers, Tel.: (212) 571-5000

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Permit-Required Confined Space Entry

Sponsor: TOPS in Emergency Response, Inc.
Dates: July 23; Aug. 28; Sept. 17; Oct. 23, 1999
Location: Rahway, NJ / Stanhope, NJ
Contact: Philip E. Solomon, Tel.: (732) 340-0044, Fax: (732) 388-1691, e-mail: response@compuserve.com

STCW Basic Safety Training*

Sponsor: Northeast Maritime Institute
Dates: July 25-31; Aug. 22-28; Sept. 12-18; Oct. 24-30; Nov. 29-Dec. 4, 1999
Location: Northeast Maritime Institute, 66 Spring St., New Bedford, MA 02740
Contact: Tel.: (508) 992-4025, Fax: (508) 992-9184, e-mail: carpentr@northeastmaritime.com

Fast Rescue Boat Proficiency Course *

Sponsor: RTM Star Center
Dates: July 26-30; Aug. 30-Sept. 3; 27-Oct. 1, 1999
Location: RTM Star Center, 2 W. Dixie Hwy., Dania, FL 33004
Contact: RTM Star Center, Tel.: (800) 445-4522, Fax: (954) 920-4268, Internet: www.star-center.com

Oil Spill Management

Sponsor: Texas A&M University Corpus Christi National Spill Control School
Dates: July 26-30; Nov. 15-19, 1999
Location: Texas A&M University Corpus Christi
Contact: Tel.: (512) 980-3333, Fax: (512) 980-3337, e-mail: nscs@tamucc.edu, Internet: www.sci.tamucc.edu/nscs

Coastal Oil Spill Control

Sponsor: Texas A&M Center for Marine Training and Safety
Dates: July 26-30; Aug. 9-13, 1999
Location: Galveston, Texas
Contact: Cherry Young, Tel.: (409) 740-4893, Fax: (409) 744-2890

National Safety Council First Aid/CPR Certification

Sponsor: IMS Environmental Services
Dates: July 27-28, 1999
Location: IMS Environmental Services Training Center, Cheseapeake, VA
Contact: Phil Biedenbender or Steve May, Tel.: (757) 436-3000, Fax: (757) 549-0990, e-mail: IMStrain@aol.com

Shiphandling for the Master/Pilot*

Sponsor: Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Center for Maritime Training
Dates: July 28-Aug. 1; 28-Sept. 1, 1999
Location: MMA Campus, 101 Academy Drive, Buzzards Bay, MA 02532
Contact: George Gillis, Tel.: (508) 830-5097, Fax: (508) 830-5018, e-mail: ggillis@mma.mass.edu

GMDSS*

Sponsor: Texas A&M Center for Marine Training and Safety
Dates: Aug. 1-7, 1999
Location: Galveston, Texas
Contact: Cherry Young, Tel.: (409) 740-4893, Fax: (409) 744-2890

Bridge Resource Management*

Sponsor: Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies
Dates: Aug. 2-6; 9-13; 16-20; 23-27, 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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Tankerman – Person in Charge – Dangerous Liquids*

Sponsor: Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies
Dates: Aug. 2-6; Oct. 25-29, 1999
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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
Dates: Aug. 2-6; Sept. 27-Oct. 1, 1999
Location: MITAGS Campus, Linthicum Heights, MD
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ARPA & Radar Recertification*

Sponsor: RTM Star Center
Dates: Aug. 2-6; Sept. 13-17; Oct. 4-8; Nov. 15-19, 1999
Location: RTM Star Center, 2 W. Dixie Hwy., Dania, FL 33004
Contact: RTM Star Center, Tel.: (800) 445-4522, Fax: (954) 920-4268, Internet: www.star-center.com

FCC Elements 1 & 7

Sponsor: GSI Marine Training/Martin International
Dates: Aug. 2-6; 23-27; Sept. 7-10; 13-17, 1999
Location: LaPlace, LA
Contact: GSI, Tel.: (281) 542-6000, Fax: (281) 542-6294, e-mail: training@gsimarine.com

Hazardous Materials Course

Sponsor: Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies
Dates: 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

GMDSS*

Sponsor: Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies
Dates: Aug. 2-13; 16-27; 30-Sept. 3, 1999
Location: MITAGS Campus, Linthicum Heights, MD
Contact: Mary Matlock, Tel.: (410) 859-5700, Fax: (410) 859-5181, e-mail: admissions@mitags.org

Able Seaman/Lifeboatman*

Sponsor: Northeast Maritime Institute
Dates: Aug. 2-20; Sept. 20-Oct. 8; Nov. 1-19, 1999
Location: Northeast Maritime Institute, 66 Spring St., New Bedford, MA 02740
Contact: Tel.: (508) 992-4025, Fax: (508) 992-9184, e-mail: carpentr@northeastmaritime.com

Shipboard Medical Care*

Sponsor: Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies
Dates: Aug. 2-27; Sept. 27-Oct. 22; 25-Nov. 19, 1999
Location: MITAGS Campus, Linthicum Heights, MD
Contact: Mary Matlock, Tel.: (410) 859-5700, Fax: (410) 859-5181, e-mail: admissions@mitags.org

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

Sponsor: IMS Environmental Services
Dates: Aug. 9-11, 1999
Location: IMS Environmental Services Training Center, Chesapeake, VA
Contact: Phil Biedenbender or Pete Brunk, Tel.: (757) 436-3000, Fax: (757) 549-0990, e-mail: IMStrain@aol.com

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40 Hour OSHA/RCRA Safety

Sponsor: Texas A&M University Corpus Christi National Spill Control School
Dates: Aug. 9-13; Oct. 25-29, 1999
Location: Texas A&M University Corpus Christi
Contact: Ms. Fran Trevino, Tel.: (512) 980-3333, Fax: (512) 980-3337, e-mail: nscs@tamucc.edu, Internet: www.sci.tamucc.edu/nscs

STCW Basic Safety Training*

Sponsor: Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies
Dates: Aug. 9-13; 23-27, 1999
Location: MITAGS Campus, Linthicum Heights, MD
Contact: Mary Matlock, Tel.: (410) 859-5700, Fax: (410) 859-5181, e-mail: admissions@mitags.org

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

Sponsor: Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies
Dates: Aug. 9-13; 30-Sept. 3, 1999
Location: MITAGS Campus, Linthicum Heights, MD
Contact: Mary Matlock, Tel.: (410) 859-5700, Fax: (410) 859-5181, e-mail: admissions@mitags.org

Computer Operating Systems

Sponsor: Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies
Dates: Aug. 9-13; Sept. 13-17, 1999
Location: MITAGS Campus, Linthicum Heights, MD
Contact: Mary Matlock, Tel.: (410) 859-5700, Fax: (410) 859-5181, e-mail: admissions@mitags.org

Basic and Advanced Firefighting*

Sponsor: Northeast Maritime Institute
Dates: Aug. 9-13; Oct. 18-22; Dec. 13-17, 1999
Location: Northeast Maritime Institute, 66 Spring St., New Bedford, MA 02740
Contact: Tel.: (508) 992-4025, Fax: (508) 992-9184, e-mail: carpentr@northeastmaritime.com

OSHA/RCRA Supervisor

Sponsor: Texas A&M University Corpus Christi National Spill Control School
Dates: Aug. 14; Oct. 30, 1999
Location: Texas A&M University Corpus Christi
Contact: Ms. Fran Trevino, Tel.: (512) 980-3333, Fax: (512) 980-3337, e-mail: nscs@tamucc.edu, Internet: www.sci.tamucc.edu/nscs

ARPA*

Sponsor: Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies
Dates: Aug. 16-20; Sept. 13-17; 20-24; Oct. 11-15, 1999
Location: MITAGS Campus, Linthicum Heights, MD
Contact: Mary Matlock, Tel.: (410) 859-5700, Fax: (410) 859-5181, e-mail: admissions@mitags.org

Marine Electrical Bootcamp

Sponsor: ABS Group Inc., Government Institutes Division
Dates: Aug. 16-20, 1999
Location: Cleveland, OH
Contact: Helen Goebel, Tel.: (301) 921-2345, Fax: (301) 921-0373, e-mail: BKibler@eagle.org

Shiphandling Simulator Course*

Sponsor: Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies
Dates: Aug. 16-27, 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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Advanced Fire Fighting*

Sponsor: Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies
Dates: Aug. 23-27, 1999
Location: MITAGS Campus, Linthicum Heights, MD
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HAZWOPER (q) – Emergency Response (Awareness, Operations, HazMat Tech)

Sponsor: IMS Environmental Services
Dates: Aug. 23-27, 1999
Location: IMS Environmental Services Training Center, Chesapeake, VA
Contact: Phil Biedenbender or Steve May, Tel.: (757) 436-3000, Fax: (757) 549-0990, e-mail: IMStrain@aol.com

Medical First Aid*

Sponsor: Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies
Dates: Aug. 30-Sept. 3, 1999
Location: MITAGS Campus, Linthicum Heights, MD
Contact: Mary Matlock, Tel.: (410) 859-5700, Fax: (410) 859-5181, e-mail: admissions@mitags.org

FAST '99

Sponsor: Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers
Dates: Aug. 31-Sept. 2, 1999
Location: Seattle, WA
Contact: Internet: www.FAST99.org

Ohmsett Oil Spill Training: Including HAZWOPER Safety Training for Oil Spill Responders

Sponsor: Texas A&M University Corpus Christi National Spill Control School
Dates: Sept. 13-17, 1999
Location: Ohmsett Facility, Navy Weapon Station Earle Waterfront, Rt. 36, Building R-24 Leonardo, NJ 07737
Contact: Texas A&M: Tel.: (512) 980-3333, Fax: (512) 980-3337, e-mail: nscs@tamucc.edu
Ohmsett: Tel.: (732) 866-7183, Fax: (732) 866-71889, e-mail: ohmsett@monmouth.com

OPA-90 Qualified Individual Training Program

Sponsor: Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Center for Marine Environmental Protection and Safety
Dates: Sept. 20-24; Nov. 15-19, 1999
Location: MMA Campus, 101 Academy Drive, Buzzards Bay, MA 02532
Contact: Jane Joska, Tel.: (508) 830-5098, Fax: (508) 830-5018, e-mail: jjoska@mma.mass.edu

24 Hour OSHA/RCRA Safety

Sponsor: Texas A&M University Corpus Christi National Spill Control School
Dates: Sept. 21-23; Nov. 30-Dec. 2, 1999
Location: Texas A&M University Corpus Christi
Contact: Tel.: (512) 980-3333, Fax: (512) 980-3337, e-mail: nscs@tamucc.edu, Internet: www.sci.tamucc.edu/nscs

Tanker & Maritime Legislation '99

Sponsor: Marine Log
Dates: Sept. 22-23, 1999
Location: Washington, DC
Contact: Jane Poterala, Director, Tel.: (212) 620-7209, Stacey O'Conner, Assist., Tel.: (212) 620-7280, Fax: (212) 633-1165

OPA-90 Qualified Individual Annual Refresher

Sponsor: Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Center for Marine Environmental Protection and Safety
Dates: Sept. 23-24; Nov. 18-19, 1999
Location: MMA Campus, 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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OSHA/RCRA Refresher

Sponsor: Texas A&M University Corpus Christi National Spill Control School
Dates: Sept. 24; Nov. 4, 1999
Location: Texas A&M University Corpus Christi
Contact: Ms. Fran Trevino, Tel.: (512) 980-3333, Fax: (512) 980-3337, e-mail: nscs@tamucc.edu, Internet: www.sci.tamucc.edu/nscs

Polution Liability Workshop

Sponsor: American Petroleum Institute
Dates: Oct. 6-7, 1999
Location: San Francisco, CA
Contact: Bob Greco, Tel.: (202) 682-8167

Transport – To The XXI Century Conference

Sponsor: Association of Black Sea Exhibitions
Dates: Oct. 6-7, 1999
Location: Odessa, Ukraine
Contact: 1/10, Sabanskiy Lane, Odessa 270014, Ukraine; e-mail: abe@sudohodstvo.com, Internet: http://www.sudohodstvo.com

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

Sponsor: IMS Environmental Services
Dates: Oct. 11-13, 1999
Location: IMS Environmental Services Training Center, Chesapeake, VA
Contact: Phil Biedenbender or Steve May, Tel.: (757) 436-3000, Fax: (757) 549-0990, e-mail: IMStrain@aol.com

International Maritime Dangerous Goods Seminar

Sponsor: Vessel Operators Hazardous Materials Assoc. (VOHMA)
Date/Location: Oct. 12-14, 1999, Long Beach, CA
Contact: VOHMA, 1118 Bay Rd., Lake George, NY 12845, Tel.: (518) 761-0263, Fax: (518) 792-7781, e-mail: mail@vohma.com

International Maritime Dangerous Goods Recurrent Training

Sponsor: Vessel Operators Hazardous Materials Assoc. (VOHMA)
Dates: Oct. 15, 1999
Location: Long Beach, CA
Contact: VOHMA, 1118 Bay Rd., Lake George, NY 12845, Tel.: (518) 761-0263, Fax: (518) 792-7781, e-mail: mail@vohma.com

Inland Oil Spill Response and Safety

Sponsor: Texas A&M University Corpus Christi National Spill Control School
Dates: Oct. 18-22, 1999
Location: Texas A&M University Corpus Christi
Contact: Ms. Fran Trevino, Tel.: (512) 980-3333, Fax: (512) 980-3337, e-mail: nscs@tamucc.edu, Internet: www.sci.tamucc.edu/nscs

Tankerman Familiarization Dangerous Liquids*

Sponsor: Northeast Maritime Institute
Dates: Oct. 25-28; Nov. 22-25, 1999
Location: Northeast Maritime Institute, 66 Spring St., New Bedford, MA 02740
Contact: Tel.: (508) 992-4025, Fax: (508) 992-9184, e-mail: carpentr@northeastmaritime.com

Maritime Auditor/Lead Auditor Training

Sponsor: ABS Group Inc., Government Institutes Division
Dates: Oct. 25-29, 1999
Location: Houston, TX
Contact: Helen Goebel, Tel.: (301) 921-2345, Fax: (301) 921-0373, e-mail: BKibler@eagle.org

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Hazmat Transportation

Sponsor: Texas A&M University Corpus Christi National Spill Control School
Dates: Nov. 5, 1999
Location: Texas A&M University Corpus Christi
Contact: Ms. Fran Trevino, Tel.: (512) 980-3333, Fax: (512) 980-3337, e-mail: nscs@tamucc.edu, Internet: www.sci.tamucc.edu/nscs

Ferries '99

Sponsor: Marine Log
Dates: Nov. 14-16, 1999
Location: Fort Lauderdale, FL
Contact: Jane Poterala, Director, Tel.: (212) 620-7209; Stacey O'Conner, Tel.: (212) 620-7280, Fax: (212) 633-1165

Oiled Wildlife Rehabilitation

Sponsor: Texas A&M University Corpus Christi National Spill Control School
Dates: Nov. 19-20, 1999
Location: Texas A&M University Corpus Christi
Contact: Ms. Fran Trevino, Tel.: (512) 980-3333, Fax: (512) 980-3337, e-mail: nscs@tamucc.edu, Internet: www.sci.tamucc.edu/nscs

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