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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

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## ADRIATIC COUNTRIES CO-OPERATE IN FULL SCALE EXERCISE "ADRIATIC 2018"



May 30 - Full-scale exercise "Adriatic 2018", as a part of the EU project of the same name, was held in Split from 21st – 25th of May 2018. The main project objective is to improve civil protection preparedness and response capabilities in dealing with marine incidents that require joint at-sea and shoreline pollution response coordination. The lead partner of the project is National Protection and Rescue Directorate of the Republic of Croatia, while other partners include Ministry of Sea, Transport and Infrastructure of the Republic of Croatia, Administration or the Republic of Slovenia for Civil Protection and Disaster Relief and Directory for Emergency Situation Management of Montenegro. ATRAC participated in the project as a part of the exercise control (EXCON) team, based in Divulje, from where all the communication with operational teams at sea was being conducted.

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The exercise was held in the bay of Kaštela, and the actions involved organization and implementation of a joint at-sea and on-shore oil spill pollution exercise, on-board firefighting and search and rescue operations. Due to insufficiency of national capacities, this exercise also tested the mechanisms of international assistance, and specialized firefighting teams from the Netherlands and Sweden were activated.

To combat the oil spill pollution, teams from Montenegro and Slovenia were mobilized, as well as Marisa N, a stand-by response vessel from EMSA, located in Trieste. EMSA also provided equipment from the recently established Equipment Assistance Service (EAS) centre in Ravenna.



A workshop on the subject of maritime response operations was also organized within the exercise, where ATRAC presented the Oil Spill Risk Assessment, which we conducted for Croatian Ministry of Sea, Transport and Infrastructure in the beginning of this year. ATRAC / [Read more](#)

## INCIDENT REPORTS (IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER)

### USA: WEST VIRGINIA - DEP RELEASES CAUSE OF FATAL EXPLOSION IN DODDRIDGE COUNTY

May 26 - The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection has released new details on the cause of a fatal explosion in Doddridge County last Friday.

Officials say an initial investigation found three Above-ground Storage Tanks, or ASTs, owned by Hydrocarbon had been moved to White Hair Lane. Two of the ASTs had been decommissioned years ago, and one was still a part of an active oil and gas well. The active AST was being decommissioned to be replaced. The WVDEP says they believe the active AST ignited and exploded when it was being cut for scrap by a torch. The WVDEP says Enviroclean was hired by Hydrocarbon for environmental remediation. Oil did spill into Cabin Run and absorbent booms were placed into the water to keep it from spreading.



The News Center / [Read more and watch video](#) [Thanks to Don Johnston of ISCO Industry Partner, DG & Hazmat Group]

### CANADA: BRITISH COLUMBIA - CREWS CLEANING UP OIL SPILL AT KINDER MORGAN STATION NORTH OF KAMLOOPS

May 26 - Crews using an emergency response trailer and vacuum trucks are working to clean up a crude oil spill at a Kinder Morgan station north of Kamloops, B.C.

The provincial Ministry of Environment said a flow meter has leaked about 100 litres of crude oil into the ground at the Darfield station. It said no waterways have been affected, and the spill has been contained within station property. CBC News / [Read more](#) [Thanks to Dr Merv Fingas Hon.FISCO, Member of ISCO Council for Canada]

## **INDIA: KARNATAKA: CHEMICAL LEAKS FROM TANKER IN KARWAR, CREATES PANIC**



May 27 - Villagers of Kadra near Kaiga Atomic Power Station in Karwar taluk panicked after a chemical leaked from a tanker and got mixed with Kali river water. Soon after the incident took place on Friday, the Kadra gram panchayat asked the villagers not to use the water supplied from a well located close to the spot until a lab report is received. The leaked chemical caused the death of fish in the river, sources said.

They said the tanker from Tamil Nadu was carrying hydrochloric acid to Kaiga nuclear plant. “The driver took a wrong route. The tanker was stuck in mud when it was moving in the reverse direction on Wednesday. It was towed away with an earthmover

on Friday. But the valve of the tanker was damaged and all the 18 litres of the hydrochloric acid leaked and flowed into the river”, a local said. New Indian Express / [Read more](#) [Thanks to Don Johnston of ISCO Industry Partner, DG & Hazmat Group]

## **USA: IOWA - ETHANOL TANKERS DERAIL WEST OF FORT DODGE**

May 28 - Six rail cars hauling full loads of ethanol from Valero Renewables — Fort Dodge were derailed Tuesday night near Barnum, according to Lt. Tom Ubben, of the Fort Dodge Fire Department.

Ubben, who leads the Region V Hazardous Materials Response Team, said the rail cars were backing up on the tracks when a switching mechanism malfunctioned. That caused them to go off the track, he said. No ethanol was spilled and no one was injured, Ubben reported. Messenger News / [Read more](#) [Thanks to Don Johnston of ISCO Industry Partner, DG & Hazmat Group]



## **CUBA: OIL REFINERY FLOODED, OIL SPILLS INTO CIENFUEGOS BAY**

May 29 - Cuba’s Cienfuegos oil refinery has sustained damage due to flooding after heavy rainfalls from subtropical depression Alberto, sending an unspecified amount of crude oil into the Cienfuegos Bay.

Barriers were set up to try to contain the oil spill, but not before 12,000 cubic meters of contaminated wastewater leaked into the bay. Over 20,000 people have been evacuated from Cuba in the wake of the storm. Oil Price / [Read more](#)

## **BRAZIL: POLARIS VERY LARGE ORE CARRIER ADRIFT OFF BRAZIL AFTER FIRE**

May 30 - One of the world’s largest bulk carriers and a sister vessel to the ill-fated Stellar Daisy is adrift off the coast of Brazil after a fire knocked out power to the vessel more than four days ago.

The 1994-built Very Large Ore Carrier (VLOC) Stellar Samba has been disabled since May 26 after a fire in its engine room. Crew members were able to extinguish the fire and no injuries were reported, but the vessel remains without propulsion and adrift some 100 miles off São Luís, Brazil. gCaptain / [Read more](#)

## **CANADA: ONTARIO - PRODUCT TANKER GROUNDS IN ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY**

May 30 - A tanker carrying refined petroleum products is aground in the St. Lawrence River near Morrisburg, Ontario. No pollution has been reported and officials said a release of any product is unlikely. gCaptain / [Read more](#)

## **SOUTH AFRICA - BULK CARRIER SANK AFTER 1.5-MONTH LONG TOWAGE**

May 31 - Bulk carrier SHENG MING reportedly sank on May 28 some 180 nm west of Cape Town, after being towed around in legs for more than a month. Probably, she was towed as far offshore as possible to avoid pollution, but still, her sinking is a mystery. Maritime Bulletin / [Read more](#)

## **RUSSIA: TANKER BREACHED IN COLLISION, S-PETERSBURG**

May 31 - Tanker KAPITAN PONIKAROVSKIY struck berth 34 at S-Petersburg Port at 2330 Moscow time May 30, while leaving port with cargo on board. Tanker sustained hull breach in bow section above waterline, no leak reported. Maritime Bulletin / [Read more](#)

### NORWAY: OIL SPILL SEEPS INTO THE OSLO FJORD



*Photo: It was near this area of the inner Oslo Fjord that heating oil unleashed into the Alna River spilled further into the fjord. A popular swimming area was quickly closed, in the middle of Oslo's heat wave. PHOTO: John Palmer*

May 31 - Thousands of litres of heating oil spilled Wednesday afternoon into the Alna River that runs through Oslo's east side. By Thursday midday, oil slicks were sighted on the Oslo Fjord as far west at Bygdøy, and one of the city's most popular swimming areas was closed, right in the middle of a heatwave.

The oil was accidentally spilled from the Oslo Sporveien facility at Ryen that services and stores trains used for the city's metro system (T-bane). Police told Norwegian Broadcasting (NRK) that the spill occurred when several tanks were being emptied by professional firms hired by Sporveien, ironically enough in connection with a city environmental program to phase out heating systems fueled with oil by 2020.

The oil ended up being unleashed into the Alna River that flows through a scenic valley (recently opened with walking paths for the public) and down to the fjord. Reports of odor called out firefighters Wednesday evening, with Rune Skjold of the Oslo Police calling the spill "large and serious, and occurring in an environmentally vulnerable area. We're investigating this as a serious incident."

The exact amount of oil spilled is a matter of dispute, with police initially reporting as much as 80,000 liters and then lowering it to 50,000. Asperud of Sporveien claimed 20,000 liters had leaked from its facility. He acknowledged, however, that "this is sad and disappointing for everyone in Oslo and everyone involved." News in English / [Read more](#) [Thanks to Don Johnston of ISCO Industry Partner, DG & Hazmat Group]

### AUSTRALIA: NEW SOUTH WALES - YANG MING CONTAINERSHIP LOSES 83 CONTAINERS IN HEAVY SEAS

*Photo: M/V YM Efficiency. File Photo: MarineTraffic.com / Joe Becker*

June 1 - A Yang Ming containership has lost more than 80 containers overboard while battling heavy swells off the east coast of Australia.

The Liberian-flagged ship YM Efficiency was sailing from Tawain to Port Botany near Sydney when the stack of containers collapsed at as the ship was underway off New South Wales' central coast at around 4 a.m. Friday morning.

Officials say 83 containers tumbled overboard approximately 30 kilometers off the coast in Commonwealth waters. Another 30 containers were reportedly damaged but remained on board the vessel. gCaptain / [Read more](#)



## NEWS REPORTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD (COUNTRIES LISTED IN ALPABETICAL ORDER)

### CANADA: HEILTSUK HORIZON ANNOUNCES FIRST NATIONS/INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP TO SUPPORT WORLD-LEADING PROTECTION OF CANADA'S OCEANS AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES

May 1 - A BC First Nation and Canadian marine and offshore company announced today they have teamed up in a unique partnership to help prevent and respond to marine incidents on Canada's West Coast, and to improve marine emergency response capacity in Indigenous and coastal communities. The newly-formed Heiltsuk Horizon Maritime Services Limited has submitted a proposal to supply two emergency towing vessels to the Canadian Coast Guard – through funding announced in November 2016 as part of the federal government's \$1.5 billion Oceans Protection Plan. Heiltsuk Horizon brings together majority partner Heiltsuk Nation of Bella Bella, British Columbia, with Horizon Maritime Services Limited, a Canadian marine and offshore company. If successful, the company would lease two new sister ships to the Canadian Coast Guard to provide state of the art emergency towing capability for responding to ships in distress off the B.C. coast. Heiltsuk Horizon / [Read more](#)

## CANADA: GOVERNMENT TAKES ACTION TO PROTECT SOUTHERN RESIDENT KILLER WHALES

May 24 - British Columbia's Southern Resident Killer Whales are iconic and awe-inspiring creatures that are cherished by Canadians and visitors, and hold significant cultural value for Indigenous peoples. Canada is committed to protecting species at risk and the ecosystems they rely on today, and for future generations. That's why the Government of Canada is taking further action to protect B.C.'s iconic Southern Resident Killer Whales and support the recovery of Chinook salmon, a primary food source for the whales.

Today, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, Dominic LeBlanc, and Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Catherine McKenna, announced the finding under the Species at Risk Act that Southern Resident Killer Whales face an imminent threat to both survival and recovery. The Ministers came to this opinion after reviewing an assessment that considered the biological condition of Southern Resident Killer Whale population, ongoing threats, and mitigation measures. [Newswire / Read more](#)

## CANADA: LIBERALS TO BUY TRANS MOUNTAIN PIPELINE FOR \$4.5B TO ENSURE EXPANSION IS BUILT



*Photo: Finance Minister Bill Morneau announced today the government is buying the Trans Mountain pipeline for \$4.5 billion. (Chris Wattie/Reuters)*

May 29 - The Liberal government will buy the Trans Mountain pipeline and related infrastructure for \$4.5 billion, and could spend billions more to build the controversial expansion.

Finance Minister Bill Morneau announced details of the agreement reached with Kinder Morgan at a news conference with Natural Resources Minister Jim Carr this morning, framing the short-term purchase agreement as financially sound and necessary to ensure a vital piece of energy infrastructure gets built.

Morneau said the project is in the national interest, and proceeding with it will preserve jobs, reassure investors and get resources to world markets. He said he couldn't state exactly what additional costs will be incurred by the Canadian public to build the expansion, but suggested a toll paid by oil companies could offset some costs and that there would be a financial return on the investment.

Kinder Morgan had estimated the cost of building the expansion would be \$7.4 billion, but Morneau insisted that the project will not have a fiscal impact, or "hit." [CBC News / Read more](#) [Thanks to Dr Merv Fingas Hon.FISCO, Member of ISCO Council for Canada]

## CANADA: VANCOUVER ISLAND OIL SPILL RESPONSE STATIONS BACK ON TRACK

*Photo: An image of what a Western Canada Marine Response Corporation base could look like on Nanaimo's south downtown waterfront. (WCMRC image)*

May 30 - Proposed marine oil spill response stations that were in danger of being dead in the water have been revived.

Western Canada Marine Response Corporation, the organization responsible for cleaning up oil spills along the province's coast, will resume its plan to construct response stations around Vancouver Island.

The plans were put on hold in April as a result of Kinder Morgan's decision to suspend all non-essential spending related to the Trans Mountain pipeline. However, following the federal government's decision purchase the pipeline from Kinder Morgan for \$4.5 billion, WCMRC has decided to carry forward with their project. Michael Lowry, communications manager with WCMRC, said his company expects to continue with the project as soon as possible. [Comox Valley Record / Read more](#)



## CHINA: A BOON FOR BIRDS: ONCE OVERLOOKED, CHINA'S MUDFLATS GAIN PROTECTIONS

May 31 - Intertidal mudflats around the yellow sea are crucial habitats for migrating birds, yet as much as two-thirds of this habitat has been lost to development. This has caused a corresponding drop in migratory bird populations. Under the policy of developing an "ecological civilization", China recently instituted reforms to protect these habitats, and has nominated 14 shorebird hotspots as world heritage sites. [PEMSEA e-update](#) [Editor: I couldn't find a URL link for Pemsea's e-update but Pemsea has a website at <http://www.pemsea.org/>]

## DENMARK PLANS TO PROGRESS RATIFICATION OF CONVENTION FOR HAZARDOUS AND NOXIOUS CARGOES COMPENSATION

May 29 - Denmark has presented its plan to ratify the 2010 International Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage in connection with the Carriage of Hazardous and Noxious Substances by Sea. The Convention establishes a comprehensive regime to provide compensation for costs, including clean-up and restoring the environment in the event of an incident involving HNS cargoes.

“The Danish ratification of the HNS Convention is important to shipping as the carriage of HNS by sea is growing by almost all ship types including container ships, chemical, liquefied natural gas (LNG) and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) tankers. Thus, we look forward to the entry into force of the convention,” says Christian Gorrissen, Vice President and Head of Legal at Torm.

Up to date several states have signed the convention but only Norway, Canada and Turkey have ratified it. 2010 The HNS Convention will enter into force 18 months after it has been acceded by twelve countries, meeting certain criteria in relation to tonnage and reporting annually the quantity of HNS cargo received in a State. The treaty requires a total quantity of at least 40 million tonnes of cargo, which are liable to the HNS Fund. Hellenic Shipping News / [Read more](#)

## INDIA: MANAGING HSE AT ALANG SHIP RECYCLING YARDS



Photo: European shipowners in Alang, 2017.

May 27: An article by Dr. Kanu Priya Jain and Dr. Anand Hiremath – “Fundamentally, the ship recycling activity is environmentally conscious and supports sustainability as it reduces the need to mine virgin metal ore. However, the ship recycling industry is under constant scanner of international environmental groups for causing harm to the environment and human health and safety. In this article, we shed light on the health, safety and environment (HSE) procedures followed at ship recycling yards in Alang which hold statements of compliance (SoC) with the Hong Kong Convention (HKC) issued by IACS-member classification societies such as ClassNK, RINA and IR Class.

Within the past few years, we have seen tremendous changes in the HSE standards at the ship recycling yards in India as currently 61 yards (almost half of the active yards) in Alang hold valid HKC SoC. This has resulted in improved infrastructure as well as in the implementation of standard operating procedures at ship recycling yards.

The compliant yards in Alang use impervious flooring to undertake cutting operations of blocks obtained from ships into smaller pieces as well as to keep machinery and electrical equipment. At the same time, hazardous waste obtained from dismantling ships is kept at dedicated storage rooms also fitted with impervious floors. The use of impervious flooring for secondary cutting and storage prevents the seepage of oil, chemicals, heavy metals and other hazardous materials into the soil. The Maritime Executive / [Continue reading](#)

## NAMIBIA: STRENGTHENING OIL SPILL RESPONSE

June 1 - Namibia has hosted of a series of events addressing oil spill preparedness and response, with two back to back workshops in Swakopmund (22-24 May and 28-31 May) developed with a view to improve the national preparedness and response system in the country.

A first workshop was held to provide participants with an overview of the essential skills needed to prepare for and respond to oil spills at an operational level including contingency planning and risk assessment.

The second event focused on shoreline response and clean-up management plan during an oil spill incident. For example, deciding on what strategy to adopt depending on the type of oil spilled, the type of shoreline and the availability of equipment. In addition to table-top exercises, participants took part in a real life simulation of beach clean-up operations.

The workshop was organized under the auspices of the Global Initiative for West, Central and Southern Africa (GI WACAF) – a joint IMO-IPIECA project. The event brought together representatives from different ministries, public agencies and the private sector involved with the country's national preparation and response system.

IMO's Julien Favier of the GI WACAF project and a team of consultants facilitated the event, which was hosted by the Namibia Directorate of Maritime Affairs, Ministry of Works and Transport. IMO / [Source document](#)



## NIGERIA: MAJOR LEAP FORWARD IN \$1BN OGONI CLEAN-UP PROJECT



May 26 - As submission of bids come to an end and screening of viable contractors begins, another major leap forward took place in Port Harcourt on Friday, when the technical assistants in the clean up and remediation were flagged off for training.

Managing director of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), Nsima Ekere, flagged off a two-day training workshop for the technical assistants at the conference hall of the National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (NOSDRA) in Port Harcourt.

Ekere, who was represented by the NDDC director, special duties, Princewill Ekanim, said the Commission would collaborate with Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project (HYPREP) to provide the needed support in the effort to address the environmental concerns of the Ogoni people, and restore their livelihood and native occupation of farming and fishing.

According to Ekere, “There are over 5,000 impacted sites in the Niger Delta region and about 25 per cent of that is in Ogoni land.” He, therefore, stressed the need to make the Ogoni clean-up exercise a success, so as to provide the roadmap to the clean-up of all hydrocarbon impacted sites in the Niger Delta region.

He said: “Section 2, sub section (a), (h) and (i) of the NDDC Act 2000, mandates the Commission to tackle ecological problems in the Niger Delta environment. The Commission is to work with oil companies operating in the region and other stakeholders to carry out this task.

“In the exercise of this mandate, and in demonstration of the commitment of the current Board of the Commission, a technical person, Dr. Udeme Udofia, who is an associate Professor in the area of environmental protection and pollution control was appointed to work with HYPREP and build the capacity of the local people in environmental remediation. He will eventually take over the supervision of this project which UNEP says may last for more than 30 years.”

The NDDC CEO said no significant success was recorded by HYPREP three years after it was established in 2012, till 2015 when the structure of HYPREP was amended to include a board of trustees, a governing council and a project management team.

He said further that the sum of \$10 million was deposited in the trust fund to serve the financial viability of HYPREP, adding that the general council of HYPREP was a multi-stakeholder body, which included the NDDC.

He explained that the General Council of HYPREP was charged with the responsibility of providing the necessary oversight to ensure the implementation of the UNEP report.

Project coordinator for HYREP, Marvin Dekil, underscored the essence of the training on oil spill assessment, stating that it would develop the capacity of the young environmental scientists as well as foster the involvement of the Ogoni community in the clean-up project. [Business Day / Read more](#)

## THAILAND: CHONBURI’S OIL INDUSTRY PRACTICES SPILL RESPONSE

*Photo: Deputy Transport Minister Pailin Chuchottaworn opened the meeting on prevention and response to oil spills. (CPRD)*

June 1 - Chonburi’s petroleum refiners, Laem Chabang Port and the Royal Thai Navy practiced their response to a marine oil spill at an annual drill in Sriracha recently.

Deputy Transport Minister Pailin Chu-chottaworn – who formerly headed Thai oil giant PTT PLC – opened the May 23-25 exercise at the Geo-Informatics and Space Technology Development Agency.

The conference began with case studies on past oil spills and the lessons learned from them.

A panel discussion followed on the integration of public and private organizations in preventing and responding to spills. Practical drills followed later offshore.

The confab also was open to international observers, with representatives from Cambodia, Singapore and Vietnam attending. [Pattaya Mail / Read more](#)



## **UK: MARITIME & COASTGUARD AGENCY - CONSULTATION ON RECASTING THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (PREVENTION OF OIL POLLUTION) REGULATIONS**

June 1 - This consultation isn't open yet. The consultation opens at 10am on 4 June 2018 and closes at 10pm on 29 July 2018.

The purpose of the proposed Regulations is to bring up to date the UK's transposition of the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) International Convention for the Prevention of Oil Pollution from Ships (MARPOL Annex I) into domestic law.

At the same time, it is proposed that they will introduce Ambulatory Reference with the Regulations to incorporate any future amendments to the technical aspects of the Convention (the detail which is of a more technical nature) of MARPOL Annex I into UK law by reference on an ongoing basis, instead of transposing it provision by provision.

[Source document with links for downloading the Consultation Document and Annexes](#)

## **USA: REPORT HIGHLIGHTS RISK OF OIL SPILLS TO NATIONAL PARKS AND MONUMENTS**

May 24 - Drilling foes are pressing the Trump administration to heed its own research and drop plans to open virtually every U.S. water to oil and gas development.

Two conservation groups have compiled data from the U.S. National Park Service outlining the threat a major spill could pose to 68 national parks and monuments from coast to coast.

Twenty-three of those sites are in the Southeast, from Dry Tortugas National Park at the tip of the Florida Keys to George Washington's birthplace in Virginia.

The protected coastal sites drew over 21 million visits and sustained over 16,000 jobs in 2017, according to the figures released Wednesday. Energy News / [Continue reading](#)

## **USA: RHODE ISLAND - FULL-SCALE OIL SPILL EXERCISE TO BE HELD IN WESTERLY**

May 29 - In a news release, the Coast Guard Sector of Southeastern New England says it is hosting a full-scale oil spill exercise beginning Wednesday in Westerly.

More than 20 federal, state and local agencies will coordinate a simulated response to a potential major oil spill affected the Rhode Island coastline. Turn to 10 / [Read more](#)

## **USA: OHMSETT GAZETTE NOW LISTED ON ISCO NEWS PUBLICATIONS LINKS PAGE**

May 30 – Readers of the ISCO Newsletter can now find a link on the “Links for downloading and reading other publications” for convenient access to the latest issue of the Ohmsett Gazette. This is Ohmsett's bi-annual newsletter and will keep you up-to-date on the activities at the Ohmsett facility at Leonardo, New Jersey.

## **USA: OSHA, PHMSA REQUESTING PUBLIC INPUT AHEAD OF GHS CONFERENCES**

May 31 - OSHA has scheduled a public meeting for June 12 to discuss proposals ahead of the 35th session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals.

According to a [notice published](#) in the May 17 *Federal Register*, OSHA and the U.S. Interagency Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals Coordinating Group will consider the comments and information gathered when developing the federal government's positions for the [UNSCEGHS meeting](#), set for July 4-6 in Geneva, Switzerland.

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration also will host a public meeting on June 12 to discuss proposals in preparation for the [53rd session of the United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods](#), scheduled for June 25-July 4 in Geneva, Switzerland.

PHMSA's meeting is slated for 9 a.m.-noon Eastern, followed by OSHA's at 1-4 p.m. Eastern. Both will be at the Department of Transportation headquarters.

OSHA's meeting agenda includes a review of working papers, correspondence group updates and a Regulatory Cooperation Council update. PHMSA is requesting comments relative to “potential new work items that may be considered for inclusion in its international agenda.”

The agency also will provide an update on recent actions “to enhance transparency and stakeholder interaction through improvements to the international standards portion of its website.”

DOT asks that attendees pre-register for the meetings, which will have call-in availability and Skype capability.

Safety + Health / [Source document](#) [Thanks to Don Johnston of ISCO Industry Partner, DG & Hazmat Group]



### USA: ADMIRAL KARL SCHULTZ TAKES COMMAND OF THE U.S. COAST GUARD



June 1 - Admiral Karl Schultz took over as Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard from Admiral Paul Zukunft during a ceremony at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters on Friday.

The U.S. Coast Guard is the largest component of the Department of Homeland Security, with 56,000 active duty, Reserve and civilian Coast Guardsmen and more than 24,000 volunteer Coast Guard auxiliaries.

Schultz, now the service's 26th commandant, reports to Coast Guard headquarters from Virginia where he served as the Coast Guard Atlantic Area commander since August 2016.

Speaking at the ceremony, President Donald Trump noted the Coast Guard's role in last year's historic hurricane season, noting the efforts of both Zukunft and Schultz: "Our Coast Guard — heroes they are — saved almost 12,000 American lives in that short period...

"Many service members left their own homes and families to plunge out of helicopters, wade through perilous waters, care for the wounded, and rescue the stranded — of which there were many. Your selfless courage has earned the gratitude of our nation.

Zukunft retired from the Coast Guard after 41 years of service as part of the same ceremony, in addition to receiving the Homeland Security Distinguished Service Medal. The Maritime Executive / [Read more](#)

## ISCO NEWS

### ISCO AGM AGENDA, MEETING PAPERS AND FORM OF PROXY

May 2 – ISCO Secretary, Matthew Sommerville has today sent out the AGM Agenda, Secretary's report and other meeting papers to all members.

Email lists are not infallible, so please do check that you have received these documents. If you have not – please contact Matthew immediately at [matthewsommerville@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:matthewsommerville@hotmail.co.uk)

It can now be confirmed that the location of the AGM at Clean Pacific is Room C121. This is on the ground floor and right next to the conference registration desk. There is no signage for the ISCO AGM but you can follow the signs for the Clean Pacific registration. The date of the meeting is Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May and the time is from 1715-1830.

If you can't be at the meeting please complete and send in the Proxy Voting Form. You may also want to comment in advance of the meeting on any of the matters raised in the meeting papers, please send by email to Matthew. Any comments you make will be considered and circulated at the meeting.

ISCO President David Usher, Secretary Matthew Sommerville and Membership VP Mary Ann Dagleish will be at the AGM and at the **ISCO Booth 319** during the conference and exhibition – so plenty opportunity to ask questions and raise any matters you would like to discuss.

Your Editor regrets that he cannot be at Clean Pacific – but he would like to wish you all a very successful event and to pass on his very best regards.

**OBITUARY OF JOHN J. GALLAGHER, FOUNDER OF GMS**



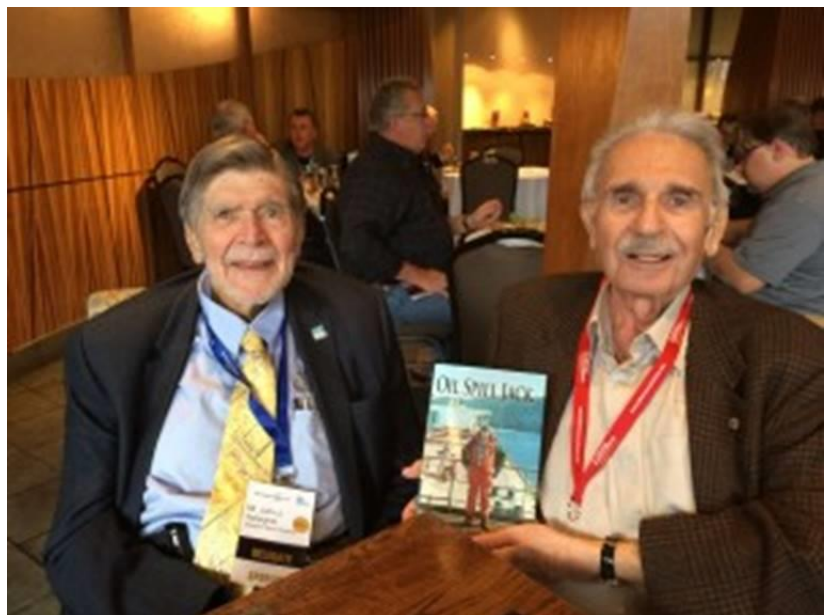
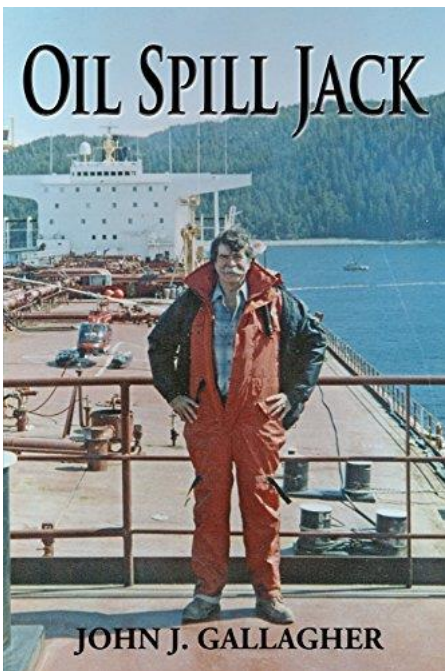
May 28 - John "Jack" J. Gallagher of Alexandria, Virginia, and Washington, DC. Beloved father of Sean & Mary, Mike & Susan, and Annie & Jay; brother of William, James, and Joan Schoshinski; grandfather of Grace, John, Patrick, Christiana, Liam, Michaela, Robert, Morgan; and former husband of Anne Geiger.

Jack was a pioneer of the maritime environmental services industry. He contributed to the development of many of the tools of the industry including the U.S. Navy's inflatable oil boom, held dozens of patents, was involved in most of the major oil spills since 1973, helped shape the regulations for the industry, was the founding Director of the Center for Marine Environmental Protection at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy, founded Gallagher Marine Systems, a maritime environmental consulting firm, and authored his life story, *Oil Spill Jack*. He was also an attorney, specializing in admiralty and patent law, and an aeronautical engineer, serving in the U.S. Air Force as an aircraft maintenance officer during the 1950's in France. He also was an accomplished artist, sculptor, historian, and world traveler. In addition to these professional accomplishments, Jack was a compassionate, creative man of integrity who loved to help people, especially those in need. He was also a recovering alcoholic who was very grateful to his many AA friends for the mutual support they shared for over 50 years. He will be dearly missed by the many people he touched, especially his family.

Once a generation a person comes along who changes the way things are done. That is Jack Gallagher, a larger than life character unafraid to step on the deck of a foundering ship, amidst pounding seas and find a way to oversee her salvage. This is a true story told in Jack's own words of an industry at a time when ships grew to be the Super tankers and enormous containerhips of today. When the threats to both life and the environment from the enormous forces of the sea loom over the enormous vessels, which today carry the food and energy and goods which make our world go around, it took a special breed of man and company to meet those challenges. This is Jack's story and the story of so many men and women and companies who invented modern big ship salvage and environmental response. From the pristine waters of Alaska and the Exxon Valdez to the oil sodden Persian Gulf after the first Gulf war to every coastline of America, where big ships came to grief, the creative, fearless hand of Jack Gallagher and the world of brave and ingenious salvors fill these pages.

Friends may call at DeVol Funeral Home, 10 East Deer Park Drive, Gaithersburg, MD, on Saturday, June 2, 2018 from 2:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at St. Peter's Church, Olney, MD, on Monday, June 4, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. Interment at Gate of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Seamen's Church Institute, <https://donate.seamenschurch.org/give> [This obituary was published in The Maritime Executive of 31 May and is reproduced here with grateful acknowledgement]

**Charlie Usher and Jeff Taylor have forwarded some additional photographs that are included below.**



*Photographs: Above left, cover of John J. Gallagher's book; Above right, John Gallagher (on left) with Dave Usher (on right) at Jack's book signing at CMA two years ago.*

**Letter from David C. Barry President Gallagher Marine Systems**

"To Our Friends and Industry Partners - It is with great sadness that I inform you of the passing of our beloved founder and dear friend John (Jack) J. Gallagher. Jack lived an extraordinary life which included multiple careers but was always driven by his passion and devotion to the marine industry. Jack's careers included: time as a P&I correspondent/maritime attorney; inventor and patent

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holder of oil spill mitigation technology; pioneer in the field of oil spill contingency planning; educator and founding Director of the Center for Marine Environmental Protection & Safety at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy / Perhaps his greatest passion, the crowning achievement of his career, was his work as a Spill Manager/Qualified Individual, a role in which Jack had few peers. He was fiercely committed to doing everything morally possible to protect his clients in the time of peril, while at the same time doing everything possible to protect the environment. Jack attended and helped shape the outcome of more maritime casualties and oil spills than can be remembered. It is fitting that Jack passed away yesterday, 28 May 2018, on our U.S. Memorial Day holiday. Jack was justly proud of his service to his country, having served in both the U.S. Navy and U.S. Air Force. He was 89 years of age at his passing and fought valiantly until the end. I speak for all at Gallagher Marine Systems in saying how very proud we are to carry on Jack's vision of service to the industry he so dearly loved. Sincerely, David C. Barry President Gallagher Marine Systems

## LINKS FOR DOWNLOADING & READING OTHER PUBLICATIONS

|   |  |                   |
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| <a href="#">Alga Cronicle</a>                     | News from Australia on Contaminated Land Remediation                   | February 2018     |
| <a href="#">AMSA Aboard</a>                       | News from the Australian Maritime Safety Authority                     | December 2017     |
| <a href="#">ATRAC Newsletter</a>                  | News from the Adriatic Training and Research Centre                    | April 2018 issue  |
| <a href="#">Newsletter from George Holliday</a>   | News and commentary on HSE issues from George Holliday                 | On request email  |
| <a href="#">Bow Wave</a>                          | Sam Ignarski's Ezine on Marine & Transport Matters                     | Current issue     |
| <a href="#">Cedre Newsletter</a>                  | News from Cedre in Brittany, France                                    | April 2018        |
| <a href="#">CROIERG Enews</a>                     | Canberra & Regions Oil Industry Emergency Response Group               | October 2017      |
| <a href="#">EMSA Newsletter</a>                   | News from the European Maritime Safety Agency                          | May 2018 issue    |
| <a href="#">EUROWA Newsletter</a>                 | European Oiled Wildlife Response Assistance Module                     | October 2017      |
| <a href="#">IMO News Magazine</a>                 | News from the International Maritime Organization                      | Spring 2018 issue |
| <a href="#">IMO Publishing News</a>               | New and forthcoming IMO publications                                   | May 2018          |
| <a href="#">Intertanko Weekly News</a>            | International news for the oil tanker community                        | June 1, 2018      |
| <a href="#">JOIFF "The Catalyst"</a>              | Int'l Organisation for Industrial Hazard Management                    | Q2 2018 issue     |
| <a href="#">Maritime Executive Magazine</a>       | Often contains articles of interest to the spill response community    | March-April, 2018 |
| <a href="#">MOIG Newsletter</a>                   | News from the Mediterranean Oil Industry Group                         | April 2018 issue  |
| <a href="#">NOWPAP Quarterly</a>                  | News from the North West Pacific Action Plan                           | Quarter 2, 2017   |
| <a href="#">NOAA OR&amp;R</a>                     | Weekly round-up of news from NOAA's Office of Response & Restoration   | May 25, 2018      |
| <a href="#">Ocean Orbit</a>                       | Newsletter from the International Tanker Owners Pollution Federation   | August 2017       |
| <a href="#">OCIMF Newsletter</a>                  | News from the Oil Companies International Marine Forum                 | April 2018        |
| <a href="#">OHMSETT Gazette</a>                   | Oil Spill Response Research & Renewable Energy Test Facility Quarterly | Spring 2018       |
| <a href="#">PEMSEA E-Updates</a>                  | Healthy oceans, people and economies in the East Asian Seas            | April, 2018       |
| <a href="#">Pollution Online Newsletter</a>       | News for pollution prevention & control professionals                  | May 30, 2018      |
| <a href="#">Safe Seas, Clean Seas</a>             | Quarterly Newsletter from Maritime New Zealand                         | August 2017 issue |
| <a href="#">Salvage World</a>                     | Quarterly Newsletter of the International Salvage Union                | Current issue     |
| <a href="#">Sea Alarm Foundation Newsletter</a>   | Oiled wildlife Preparedness and Response news from Sea Alarm           | Spring 2018 issue |
| <a href="#">Spill Alert</a>                       | Newsletter from the UK Spill Association                               | December 2017     |
| <a href="#">Technology Innovation News Survey</a> | News from US EPA – Contaminated Site Decontamination                   | April 1-15, 2018  |
| <a href="#">Transport Canada Newsletter</a>       | News and articles re transport of dangerous goods in Canada            | June 2017 issue   |
| <a href="#">USA EPA Tech Direct</a>               | Remediation of contaminated soil and groundwater                       | June 1, 2018      |

Your editor depends on regular receipt of updated links for listed publications. If these are not received, relevant entries may be discontinued

## RESPONSE EVENTS DURING JUNE & JULY 2018

### USA: NOAA SCIENCE OF OIL SPILLS CLASSES

Seattle, June 11-15. Helps spill responders increase their understanding of oil spill science when analyzing spills and making risk-based decisions. They are designed for new and mid-level spill responders. <https://response.restoration.noaa.gov/june-training-registration-open-oil-and-chemical-spill-responders>

### USA: CLEAN PACIFIC CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION + CONCURRENT EVENTS

Portland, OR, June 19-21. Spill prevention and response for oil and hazardous materials in the marine and inland environment. **ISCO Members qualify for a \$50 discount on conference attendance – to register, click on the banner on Page 1 of the ISCO Newsletter.** <http://2018.cleanpacific.org/> Concurrent events include the **ISCO AGM (June 19)** [www.spillcontrol.org](http://www.spillcontrol.org) and the **Pacific States / British Columbia Oil Spill Task Force Meeting (June 19)** <http://oilspilltaskforce.org/task-force-events/annual-meeting/>

### MALTA: WORKSHOP ON SPILL INCIDENTS INVOLVING HNS

Valetta, June 20-21. The Regional Workshop on Response to Spill Incidents involving Hazardous and Noxious Substances (HNS) (MEDEXPOL 2018) will be held at the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC) premises in Valletta, Malta. <http://www.rempec.org/rempecnews.asp?NewsID=467>

### UK: 4<sup>th</sup> PREMIAM CONFERENCE <http://2018.cleanpacific.org/>

London, June 21. Forum on Post Spill Monitoring - Effective post-spill monitoring – Sharing best practice and experience. See article in ISCO Newsletter 637. <https://www.cefas.co.uk/premium/premium-conference-2018/>

## RESPONSE EVENTS DURING JUNE & JULY 2018 (CONTINUED)

### USA: NOAA SCIENCE OF CHEMICAL RELEASES (SOCR) CLASS

Mobile AL, June 25-28. Science of Chemical Releases (SOCR) classes are designed to help spill responders and planners increase their understanding of chemical spill (release) science when preparing for and analyzing chemical spills, and making risk-based decisions to protect public health, safety, and the environment. <https://response.restoration.noaa.gov/june-training-registration-open-oil-and-chemical-spill-responders>

### UK: INTERNATIONAL HARBOURMASTERS ASSOCIATION CONGRESS & EXHIBITION

London, June 25-28. Topics will include shipping industry perspectives on managing port of refuge scenarios, the future of IMO guidelines for Vessel Traffic Services, the relevance to harbour masters of entry into force of the BWM Convention, adapting to a changing climate, and the environmental impact of port operations with reference to air emissions. <https://maritime.knect365.com/ihma-global-port-and-marine-operations/>

### INDIA: OIL SPILL INDIA 2018 CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

New Delhi, July 5-6. **Note that the venue has changed (see announcement on Page 10)** One of the central goals of the Oil Spill India (OSI) Conference, conceptualized and founded in 2011 as an industry led global forum jointly in association with the Indian Coast Guard - The Central Coordinating Authority for combating oil spills in Indian waters & India's flagship Oil Producer The Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd (ONGC), is to partake with global stakeholders & reaffirm the Industry's commitment for the protection of the Environment; promoting responsible cultures to be incorporated at all levels, from the small communities where the industry operates and throughout their global businesses. <http://www.oilspillindia.org/event-info.php>

*If we have omitted to include an event of interest to our community, please let us know.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS – AUGUST 2018 ONWARDS

| COUNTRY  | 2018          | TITLE OF EVENT   | LOCATION        |
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| For more information click on Title of Event   |               |  |                 |
| SWEDEN   | August 27-30  | <a href="#">HELCOM BALEX DELTA 2018 spill recovery ex'cise</a>                 | Karlskrona Area |
| UK   | Sept. 12-13   | <a href="#">9th Maritime Salvage &amp; Casualty Response</a>                   | London          |
| UK   | Sept. 12-13   | <a href="#">Flood Expo</a>   | Birmingham      |
| UK   | Sept. 12-13   | <a href="#">Spill Response Expo</a>  | Birmingham      |
| SINGAPORE  | Sept. 25-26   | <a href="#">Salvage &amp; Wreck Asia</a>                                       | Singapore       |
| USA  | October 1-3   | <a href="#">Elastec's Annual Oil Spill Response Workshop</a>                   | Carmi, IL       |
| CANADA   | October 2-4   | <a href="#">AMOP Tech. Seminar on Environmental Contamination and Response</a> | Victoria, BC    |
| UAE  | October 2-4   | <a href="#">El Middle East HSE Forum</a>                                       | Dubai           |
| AUSTRALIA  | October 2-4   | <a href="#">Ecoforum Conference &amp; Exhibition</a>                           | Sydney          |
| FRANCE   | October 8-12  | <a href="#">Sea Tech Week</a>  | Brest           |
| UAE  | October 9-10  | <a href="#">RECSO EnviroSpill Conference &amp; Exhibition</a>                  | Abu Dhabi       |
| CANADA   | October 17-19 | <a href="#">Arctic Shipping Forum N. America Conference</a>                    | Newfoundland    |
| UK   | October 22-26 | <a href="#">IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee</a>                    | London          |
| TURKEY   | Nov. 6-8      | <a href="#">Regional Workshop &amp; Oil Spill Exercise</a>                     | Istanbul        |
| USA  | Nov. 13-15    | <a href="#">Clean Gulf Conference and Exhibition</a>                           | New Orleans, LA |
| COUNTRY  | 2019          | TITLE OF EVENT   | LOCATION        |
| USA  | April 16-18   | <a href="#">Clean Waterways Conference</a>                                     | Cincinnati, OH  |
| Australia  | May 20-24     | <a href="#">SPILLCON 2019 Conference and Exhibition</a>                        | Perth           |
| To request posting of an event of interest to the Spill Response Community please send details to the Editor |               |  |                 |

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