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July 30 - The Nineteenth Intergovernmental Meeting on the Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme and Sixteenth Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region began on Wednesday 28th July 2021 with a welcome by Ms. Lorna Inniss, Coordinator of the UNEP Cartagena Convention Secretariat, to over 100 delegates from contracting parties, observer countries, regional and international partners and agencies, and members of the media present.

Three intense days of deliberations by the Conference of Parties to the Cartagena Convention got underway immediately following the Opening Ceremony. This included reviewing the status of activities undertaken by the Secretariat and Contracting Parties in the last biennium, setting priorities and approving the 2021-2022 work plan and budget, and strengthening relationships with Member States and partners. UNEP / [Read more](#)

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MORE INTERNATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF

EMSA LAUNCHES NEW CLOUD-BASED MARINFO SERVICE WITH EXPANDED DATASETS AND CAPABILITIES

August 4 - Using emerging cloud capabilities, EMSA has developed a new and improved Marinfo service giving authorised users access to datasets that further enhance their maritime awareness picture, including information on vessel identifiers, ownership, incidents, inspections and the mapping of company fleets.

While Marinfo provides ship-related information, it also allows for the production of statistics on ships, regardless area of activity, ownership, or flag. The new service is designed to be scalable, robust and high-performance, building on state-of-the-art technologies. The processed data is being made available using standard web-based services and can be used by EMSA to build custom reports. The service will improve insight into ship operations and can be used to support decision-making at the European Commission and member state level.

Initially developed by EMSA in 2007, Marinfo brings together maritime-related, ship-centred data compiled from various external providers into a comprehensive database and reliable reference point for users. In 2020, the service was opened up allowing for broader access both in terms of data type and user community, and is increasingly supporting operational activities directly from EMSA's existing user interfaces.

[Read more in the August 2021 issue of the EMSA Newsletter](#)

NEWS REPORTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

AUSTRALIA: NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR MARITIME CASUALTIES AND POLLUTION EVENTS

August 4 - AMSA's Response Centre is now the main contact for all maritime casualties in Australian waters.

New role of AMSA's Response Centre - The Response Centre will now lead the triage and initial response to maritime casualties in Australian waters, issue all alert, stand-up, on task and demobilisation directions to Emergency Towage Vessel (ETV) operators.

The Response Centre Duty Manager will now determine and implement response options call on AMSA and external subject matter experts as needed. An Incident Management Team may be established from the subject matter experts. The Maritime Casualty Coordination Cell will be used to manage this process.

Link between maritime casualties and pollution events - Maritime casualties often happen before a marine pollution event. If we respond early and appropriately to a maritime casualty, we could prevent a pollution event. The National Plan for Maritime Environmental Emergencies recognises the link between marine casualties and pollution events. AMSA / [Read more](#)

AUSTRALIA: NEW AMSA COMPLIANCE PLAN OUTLINES THE FIVE FOCUS AREAS FOR 2021-22

August 4 - The [AMSA National Compliance Plan 2021-22](#) is now available.

The plan provides industry with practical guidance and a clear view of the five compliance focus areas over the next year:

- Focus area 1 — Port State and Flag State Control
- Focus area 2 — Maritime Labour Convention
- Focus area 3 — Domestic commercial vessels
- Focus area 4 — Search and rescue (beacon registration)
- Focus area 5 — Environmental

Our regulatory approach is to support industry by providing information to make it easier for industry to ensure their operations are compliant with the national law.

Each focus area is informed by safety data analysis and the expertise of AMSA subject matter experts across all business areas providing clear direction to the areas we need to be working in. In 2021-22 this includes two new focus areas to increase beacon registration and prevent pollution from ships.

This rigour ensures our efforts are focused on the areas of greatest risk for our stakeholders, and greatest opportunity for improvements.

This also ensures that the compliance response activities are effective and targeted, and that we are applying a risk-based response to assess non-compliance.

The 2021-22 compliance plan is part of a continuous improvement-led approach to clearly identify safety and compliance priorities for domestic commercial vessels and regulated Australian and foreign-flagged commercial vessels in Australian waters.

Read the [AMSA National Compliance Plan 2021-22](#) for more detail.

BULGARIA: EMSA SUPPORTS BREEZE OPERATIONAL EXERCISE IN BULGARIA WITH BROAD RANGE OF POLLUTION RESPONSE ASSETS

August 4 - It was all hands on deck during the Breeze exercise on 16 July in Varna, Bulgaria. EMSA took an active role deploying pollution response assets to support Bulgaria's Navy and Maritime Administration who organised the exercise. EMSA mobilised two stand-by oil spill response vessels in the Black Sea: the Galaxy Eco, based in Varna, Bulgaria, and the Amalthia, based in Constanta, Romania.

The vessels simulated oil spill recovery under different operational configurations, deploying sweeping arms, booms and skimmers. During the exercise, EMSA's at-sea dispersant spraying capabilities were demonstrated from the Galaxy Eco. The organisers were also able to deploy an inflatable storage barge from EMSA's Equipment Assistance Service stockpile based in Frederikshavn, Denmark. All this was observed by the Prime Minister of Bulgaria from on board a VIP vessel, thanks to live streaming captured by an EMSA lightweight drone EMSA / [Read more](#)

CHILE: 5 TONS OF GARBAGE WERE COLLECTED IN BEACH CLEANING CARRIED OUT IN ANCUD



August 2 - The activity was organized by the Quilo - Mar Brava Nature Sanctuary Committee and had the participation of the staff of the Captaincy of Puerto de Ancud. On Saturday, July 31, the Captaincy of Puerto de Ancud, participated in a joint beach cleaning operation, organized by the Quilo - Mar Brava Nature Sanctuary Committee and was executed in the Mar Brava beach sector.

The activity had the participation of a total of 65 people, including members of the organizing committee, staff of the Illustrious Municipality of Ancud, Local Maritime Authority and artisanal fishermen.

The cleaning tasks were extended in a coastal space of approximately 400 meters in which a total of 5 tons were collected, which were removed by municipal personnel for final disposal. [Source doc.](#)

CHINA: CHENGDU INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION EXPO 2021

August 3 - CDEPE Team is aware of the current worldwide situation regarding the spread of the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and observe the developments daily. Due to these circumstances and in order to offer our exhibitors and visitors a safe and successful event we regret to announce that the CDEPE 2021 dates, initially scheduled from May 20th-22nd, 2021 will be rescheduled to September 2nd-4th, 2021. The venue will remain as Chengdu Century City New International Convention and Exhibition Center.

Chengdu International Environmental Protection Expo is the largest green technology trade show in Western China market, which has been successfully held 16 editions, and host by Sichuan Environmental Protection Industry Association (SCEPI) and Europe China Environmental Exhibitions (ECEE) .

The show is to build a professional and international exhibition platform to show and exchange the advanced green technologies of environmental protection industry in Sichuan and western China, and to serve for environmental protection and ecological civilization.

[More info](#)

ITALY: ONLINE ISPRA REPORT ON BIODIVERSITY



August 3 - Marine and terrestrial species and habitats still at risk. Contrasting measures needed for 35% of the most dangerous exotic species.

Critical situation for the species and habitats that populate our country: although protected for decades, 54% of the flora and 53% of the terrestrial fauna, 22% of marine species and 89% are in an unfavorable state of conservation. of terrestrial habitats, while marine habitats show favorable status in 63% of cases and unknown in the remaining 37%.

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KOREA: MARINE ENVIRONMENT COMPLEX, KOREA'S FIRST MULTIPURPOSE LARGE-SIZED DEFENSE SHIP'S ENDAM LAKE

July 30 - The Marine Environment Complex (KOEM, President Han Won-won) said on Thursday that the launching of the Endam Lake, a multipurpose large-scale defense vessel for use in control work in large-scale marine pollution incidents, was completed by Hanjin Heavy Industries in Yeongdo-do- Busan.

The "Endam Lake" is a 5,000-ton (104m long, 20.6m wide) large-sized defense line introduced for the first time in Korea, and has been passed through a 20-month process since the industrial complex and Hanjin Heavy Industries signed a drying contract in November 2011, and is expected to be commissioned with the goal of the end of May next year.

In particular, "Endam lake" is Designed to safely perform control operations in the sea state Sea State 5 (digging 4m, wind speed about 10.7 m/s) in the maritime state to respond to large-scale marine pollution incidents in the future, and to function as an all-weather national disaster response vessel, such as supporting the emergency movement of dangerous vessels in the port.

"The Sunurimalo Industrial Complex on the wall where Lake Endam has surrounded all sides will play a role in protecting the people from maritime disasters," Park Chang-hyun, head of the Maritime Defense Headquarters. said. KOEM / [Source doc.](#)



KUWAIT: MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE REGIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

August 3 - The extraordinary (ministerial) meeting of the Council of the Regional Organization for the Protection of the Environment (ROPME) was held on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 through visual communication. The delegation of the State of Kuwait was led by His Excellency Dr. Mohammed AbdulLatif Al-Faris, Minister of Oil and Minister of Higher Education, in the presence of Dr. Abdullah Al-Zaidan, Director General of the Acting Director-General, and the recommendations of the Executive Committee on the agenda were discussed and adopted, the most important of which are: 1- Nomination and appointment of the Executive Secretary of the Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment. 2. Discuss the financial issues of the Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment. Kuwait EPA / [Source doc and view video](#)

THE NETHERLANDS: UPDATED RESPONSE PLAN OUT FOR CONSULTATION



July 30 - During the COVID-19 crisis in 2020, Sea Alarm developed a new version of the Dutch Oiled Seabird Plan, which is now out for consultation. Sea Alarm and Rijkswaterstaat, the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management, used the lockdown period in 2020 to discuss a complete makeover of the original response plan, which was agreed in 2009. Years of exercises resulted in several suggestions for improvements, and the Bow Jubail incident, where the plan was used, gave important insights for modification and extension. Version 2.0 of the plan was agreed by Rijkswaterstaat as the basis for a consultation with the envisaged partner organisations of the plan.

Important partners in the plan are the so-called Safety Regions, in which the rescue services (fire brigade, medical, police, civil protection) collaborate. The new plan assigns a coordinating role for the Safety Regions to coordinate wildlife search and collection activities. A series of webinars and discussions are now scheduled to review this new role with the eight Safety Regions within the geographical scope of the plan. In November, a field exercise will be held in Zeeland (South West Netherlands) to test, demonstrate and further explore the field operations of the plan, as well as related functions that are envisaged for adoption by the rescue services.

In parallel, [Rijkswaterstaat](#) has begun to discuss the new plan and described roles and responsibilities with various NGOs, including the nine avian rehabilitation centres that are part of the [SON-Response network](#). SON-Response is itself discussing its own envisaged role as the pivot organisation for coordinating NGO contributions in an emergency response and for managing the multi-year preparedness programme from 2022 onwards. Sea Alarm / [Source doc](#)

SPAIN: EMSA STAND-BY VESSEL THE MONTE ANAGA BECOMES THE NINTH VESSEL OF THE FLEET TO BE EQUIPPED WITH RPAS

August 4 - After successfully completing the acceptance test, EMSA's stand-by vessel the Monte Anaga will now be able to deploy RPAS at sea to assist in its oil spill response activities. The Monte Anaga which is stationed in Algeciras (Spain) became the ninth vessel of EMSA's stand-by fleet to be equipped with RPAS as part of a programme to enhance the overall oil slick detection capabilities.

By the end of 2021, the plan is to have ten of the 17 vessels equipped with RPAS on board. While all EMSA contracted vessels have radar-based oil slick detection systems, the data acquired on oil spill characteristics has certain operational limitations. The RPAS overcomes these by providing an aerial view the oil spill. Using Electro-Optical and Infra-Red cameras, the RPAS is able to enhance oil spill identification and categorisation, and therefore to optimise the response. EMSA / [Read more](#)

USA: NATIONAL OIL AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES POLLUTION CONTINGENCY PLAN; MONITORING REQUIREMENTS FOR USE OF DISPERSANTS AND OTHER CHEMICALS

July 27 - The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or the Agency) is amending the requirements in Subpart J of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP) that govern the use of dispersants, other chemicals and other spill mitigating substances when responding to oil discharges into waters of the United States.

Specifically, this action establishes monitoring requirements for dispersant use in response to major oil discharges and/or certain dispersant use situations in the navigable waters of the United States and adjoining shorelines, the waters of the contiguous zone, and the high seas beyond the contiguous zone in connection with activities under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, activities under the Deepwater Port Act of 1974, or activities that may affect natural resources belonging to, appertaining to, or under the exclusive management authority of the United States, including resources under the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976 ("navigable waters of the United States and adjoining shorelines").

These new monitoring requirements are anticipated to better target dispersant use, thus reducing the risks to the environment. Further, the amendments are intended to ensure that On-Scene Coordinators (OSCs) and Regional Response Teams (RRTs) have relevant information to support response decision-making regarding dispersant use.

This final rule is effective on January 24, 2022. Federal Register / [Read more](#)

USA: PIPELINE COMPANY TO PAY \$35 MILLION IN CRIMINAL FINES AND CIVIL PENALTIES FOR LARGEST-EVER INLAND SPILL OF PRODUCED WATER FROM OIL DRILLING

August 5 - The Department of Justice today filed criminal charges under the Clean Water Act against Summit Midstream Partners LLC, a North Dakota pipeline company that discharged 29 million gallons of produced water from its pipeline near Williston, North Dakota, over the course of nearly five months in 2014-2015.

The discharge of more than 700,000 barrels of “produced water” – a waste product of hydraulic fracturing – contaminated land, groundwater, and over 30 miles of tributaries of the Missouri River. The spill, believed to be the largest inland spill in history, was visible in photographs taken by satellites orbiting the earth.

In addition to the criminal charges, the United States and the State of North Dakota filed a civil complaint against Summit and a related company, Meadowlark Midstream Company LLC, alleging violations of the Clean Water Act and North Dakota water pollution control laws. Under parallel settlements resolving the criminal and civil cases, the company has agreed to pay a total of \$35 million in criminal fines and civil penalties.

“Summit prioritized profits over the environment. The company’s disregard for pipeline safety resulted in pollution of the environment on a massive scale over 143 days,” said Assistant Attorney General Todd Kim of the Justice Department’s Environment and Natural Resources Division. “Summit’s conduct was criminal and its failure to immediately report the discharge a felony. This resolution holds the company financially accountable, requires enhanced compliance measures to prevent future spills, and provides compensation for North Dakota’s damaged natural resources.”

“North Dakota and its federal partners are holding Summit and Meadowlark accountable and making clear that disregard for North Dakota’s environmental laws will not be tolerated,” said North Dakota Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem. “The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, Game and Fish Department, and Industrial Commission staff spent countless hours investigating and responding to the spill, making this settlement possible.” US Dept. of Justice / [Read More](#)

USA: LATEST NEWS REPORTS FROM NOAA OR&R

August 6 – Please click on the links below to read the latest News Reports from NOAA OR&R.

[NOAA Announces Diversity and Professional Advancement Working Group \(DPAWG\) as 2021 Diversity Impact Award Recipient](#)

The [Diversity and Professional Advancement Working Group \(DPAWG\)](#), on which the Reyhan Mehran of OR&R’s Assessment and Restoration Division serves as a member of the executive committee, has been selected as the recipient of NOAA’s competitive Diversity Impact Award.

[OR&R Represents NOAA at Urban Waters Federal Partnership Meeting](#)

On August 5, 2021, OR&R Director Scott Lundgren represented NOAA alongside other senior agency representatives from the 15 Departments and Agencies participating in the [Urban Waters Federal Partnership\(link is external\)](#) (external pdf factsheet). Senior leaders from the Department of the Interior and EPA convened this meeting to build relationships and connections, provide leadership-level support for the partnership, and discuss future actions for the program as it approaches its 10 year celebration.

[Marine Debris Program Announces Marine Debris Removal Funding Opportunity](#)

On August 2, the NOAA Marine Debris Program announced the FY 2022 notice of funding opportunity for Marine Debris Removal projects. NOAA will fund removal projects that create long-term, quantifiable ecological habitat improvements to NOAA trust resources.

[Restoration Plan Calls for New Riverfront Park Project along the Lower Passaic River](#)

On July 29, 2021, federal co-trustees, NOAA and the [U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service](#) released the [Final Early Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment](#) that calls for building a 5-acre park along the [Lower Passaic River](#) in East Newark, New Jersey. The park is anticipated to include forest habitat, [pollinator gardens\(link is external\)](#), native grasslands, and [wetlands](#), and public access features.

NEWS REPORTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD (CONTINUED)

[Marine Debris Program Launches New Education Webpage](#)

On July 26, the NOAA Marine Debris Program (MDP) launched a new webpage to share marine debris educational resources, organized for easy access by four key audiences: Educators, Students, Kids and Families, and Adults and Professionals.

[OR&R Lecture: Section 7 Consultations of the Endangered Species Act](#)

OR&R is pleased to have Mr. Felix Lopez an ecologist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Caribbean Field Office. Felix is here to talk about the Section 7 Consultations of the Endangered Species Act. This section is to ensure Federal Agencies do not harm or jeopardize any endangered species when they perform or fund cleanup/response efforts in the wake of spills or natural disasters. Join us on Thursday, August 19, at 3:00 p.m. ET to hear the importance of the Section 7 Consultations!<https://noaaorr.adobeconnect.com/orrlectureseries/>(link is external)
For further information, contact Hayley.Betker@noaa.gov(link sends e-mail).

[Disaster Preparedness Program Held First Virtual NOAA ICS 300 Class](#)

After much hard work, determination and dedication, OR&R's Disaster Preparedness Program along with support from Genwest, completed its first ever Virtual NOAA Intermediate Incident Command System for expanding incidents (ICS 300) course on July 19-22. We had 12 excellent students participating from across NOAA including three NOAA line offices (NOS, OAR, OMAO) and the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer (OCAO).

[EPA Finalizes Monitoring Requirements for Dispersant Use](#)

Subpart J of the [National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan \(NCP\)](#)(link is external) directs EPA to prepare a schedule of dispersants, other chemicals, and oil spill mitigating devices and substances that may be used to remove or control oil discharges.

[Marine Debris Program Presents at Virtual 2021 Mid-Atlantic Marine Debris Summit](#)

On July 17, the Marine Debris Program (MDP) Director Nancy Wallace, Mid-Atlantic Regional Coordinator Christy Kehoe, and Marine Debris Monitoring Coordinator Hillary Burgess presented at a virtual [2021 Mid-Atlantic Marine Debris Summit](#).(link is external) The three-day Summit brought together over 475 attendees from Mid-Atlantic regional entities working on marine debris, including state and federal agencies, tribes, non-profit organizations, academia, and other groups.

[Mesa Gulf Cement Barge Release](#)

On July 22, the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) received notification of crude oil seeping into sensitive marsh habitat from a large storage tank struck by a bullet in Bayou Hermitage, Louisiana. USCG ventured onsite to discover not just the leaking oil storage tank, but several additional tanks, barges and abandoned containers left to the mercy of Mother Nature.

ISCO NEWS

ISCO IS PROUD TO BE A SPONSOR OF THE OCEAN REVIVAL PROJECT



OCEAN REVIVAL is a team of serving and former serving Royal Marine Commandos, who have fought alongside each other in 45 Commando. They have teamed up to take the fight against plastic by rowing across the North Atlantic Ocean, rowing a route that has never been completed before and one that is statistically the most dangerous and arduous ocean row to attempt.

Ocean Revival is fighting back to raise awareness and help keep momentum in the fight against plastic in our oceans; a fight the team would love you to join them on.

It was way back in May 2021 that the team set off from New York on their epic 3,700 mile journey to London. From near Brighton in the English Channel and nearing their destination a recent message said "We can smell the fish, chips and beer from our current location and this is driving us forward, that and the thought of seeing Tower Bridge with our families waiting to greet us!"

At time of writing we do not yet have a final expected time of arrival but ISCO's London Ambassador, Matthew Sommerville plans to join the welcoming party. We will have more news and photographs in the next issue of the ISCO Newsletter.

The Ocean Revival website is at www.oceanrevivaladventures.com

ISCO AT CLEAN PACIFIC CONFERENCE, AUGUST 17-18, 2021

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ISCO Secretary General, Neil Marson, VP (Membership) Mary Ann Dagleish and Member of Secretariat, Marc Shaye will be available to speak to you. You can contact them by email at –

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ISCO PRESENTATION GIVEN AT BUENOS AIRES CONFERENCE



On Wednesday, August 4, Carlos Sagrera, ISCO Representante para Región Iberoamericana, gave a presentation on the Role of ISCO in Spanish-speaking Latin America. This was given within the framework of the 4th Transport and Logistics Conference in Buenos Aires (Argentina), organized by Global Ports and El Cronista's Transportation Supplement, which is the leading newspaper on these issues in the region.

[Download the ISCO Presentation](#)

Text of presentation - [Para-Global-Ports-CS-Presentación-ISCO-en-América-Latina-Argentina-Agosto-2021-1](#)

You Tube links in Spanish language - <https://youtu.be/hqBnT4KG-Us> <https://youtu.be/Ya7KhuOithg>

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AQUA-GUARD’S CEO RAISES FUNDS IN RIDE TO CONQUER CANCER AUG 28-29TH

This August 28-29th, Aqua-Guard's CEO, Cameron Janz, will be riding in the Ride to Conquer Cancer in memory of his late father, Wayne Janz, who passed away from lung cancer in 1989.

Wherever you are, you can help power cancer research.

One in two of us will face cancer in their lifetime. Cancer is the number one health issue of our generation. Through the Tour de Cure, we can power research to change this story. By taking part in The Tour, you will support world-leading scientists and clinicians at BC Cancer who are uncovering game-changing breakthroughs and saving lives.

With your support, we are confident that more and more people facing cancer will be cured.

Anything gift would be most appreciated. See link below to donate:

<https://supportthepmcf.ca/ui/Ride21/p/6142e51a4bd543f6a53dc1a9a484cdde>

Aqua-Guard Web site news: <http://aquaguard.com/news/aqua-guards-ceo-raises-funds-in-ride-to-conquer-cancer-aug-28-29th>

OSRL: COVID-19 UPDATE 6TH AUGUST 2021

Future Communications - Over the last 18 months, we continually communicated the latest OSRL news relating to COVID-19 to our members via this email update. At first the frequency was weekly, later in the pandemic as COVID-19 processes and procedures became embedded in OSRL, we reduced the frequency to two-weekly. Throughout this whole period, we remained response ready, our communications aimed to provide a status update and reassure all our members of our ability to respond. We hope that you have found these regular updates useful.

We have now reached a point where we feel that we can reduce the frequency of this communication to monthly. All our COVID-19 processes and procedures are well implemented and tested. Our COVID-19 dashboard provides all members with information on our response readiness, and we are hoping to return to base in all locations once their local situations allow.

The next member communication will be on Friday 3rd September and subsequently the first Friday of every month following this date.

As a reminder the following information remains available to all our members:

- [COVID-19 Readiness Dashboard](#)
- [COVID-19 Field Guides](#)
- [Country Plans](#)
- [COVID-19 Exercise Reports](#)
- OSRL COVID-19 Plans including Strategic Recovery Plan and Tactical Impact Assessment Plans

As always, we remain a phone call away, ready to support you and your operations. Should you have any questions, please email CMT@oilspillresponse.com or contact our Duty Managers.

Country Plans - We have updated the Brunei Country Plan which can be found [here](#).

Sri Lanka Update - We continue to provide technical advice and support to the X-Press Pearl container ship response activities. The in-country lead swap has now completed, remaining infield personnel will be replaced in a staggered manner on a continuous basis. We are meeting daily with stakeholders to coordinate shoreline and offshore operations. Shoreline response continues to focus on recovery nurdles from various sites along the west coast of Sri Lanka.

Our key objective remains to ensure all personnel's health, safety, and security complying with OSRL's Life Saving Rules and COVID-19 Protocols.

Face to face training starting again in Southampton - Over the last week we have welcomed delegates from ExxonMobil and British Antarctic Survey to our base in Southampton. It is great to be able to train face to face again and we look forward to hopefully welcoming more delegates soon.

New Insights article: Net Zero and the Implications for Emergency Planners - The Paris Agreement sets ambitious targets for limiting global warming. Greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reductions are crucial to avoid the catastrophic effects of melting polar ice caps, rising sea levels, floods, droughts, and forest fires.

As the world adapts to creating a carbon-neutral future, are the challenges faced by emergency planners and responders going to be any different? Read more [here](#).

ISCO OFFERS A FREE ONE YEAR TRIAL MEMBERSHIP FOR STUDENTS, TRAINEES AND APPRENTICES WHO ARE MAKING A CAREER IN OUR INDUSTRY.

Our recently joined Student Members have been invited to share news of their activities with the aim of creating opportunities for sharing information and possibilities for ideas-exchange and co-operation. Please note that the ISCO discussion group on Linked-in also provides a good platform for correspondence and ideas-sharing.

A message to All Student Members from Mary Ann Dalglish, ISCO VP (Membership) -

“First of all I would like to personally welcome you to ISCO and thank you for your interest in our group. Kayode (Peter) Balogun has volunteered to be the head of this group. As such he will co-ordinating information between the student members and ISCO.

ISCO desires to assist all of you with your studies and in order to do that it would be appreciated if each of you could share a brief overview of what your Doctorate program is about. We would like to feature each of you in our weekly newsletter. This will give our members and readers a chance to reach out to each of you with any assistance they can give you in your studies.

Again, thank you for trusting us to assist you. I am sure this will be beneficial to all parties”. Mary Ann Dalglish

UPCOMING WEBINARS

UPDATED INFO: OIL SPILL RESPONSE KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER WEBINAR SERIES

August 10, From 9 – 10 am Houston time Guest Speaker – Mr Alan A. Allen will share OSR experience gained over 50 years

You are invited to ExxonMobil Oil Spill Response Knowledge Transfer Webinar 1. This is a monthly webinar to allow highly experienced OSR experts to transfer their knowledge to attendees. The webinar series will provide a platform to communicate, transfer, and preserve OSR knowledge, and to share insights and perspectives from industry, academia, oil spill responders, and other oil spill response experts. The webinars will start on Tuesday, August 10 from 9 - 10 am Houston time and continue every first Tuesday of the following months. We intend to continue the webinars indefinitely depending on response and our ability to schedule appropriate speakers.

For full details and joining info please look at post in ISCO Newsletter 797 or send an email to lin.zhao@exxonmobil.com.

SECONDARY CONTAINMENT – MIDEL AND VIPOR SOLUTIONS

Tuesday, August 24, 2021 Time: 11:00 a.m. EDT to Noon

MIDEL is a new oil type that is gaining popularity for electrical transformer cooling oil. In this webinar, we will discuss the challenges associated with secondary containment systems for MIDEL oil filled equipment, testing of approved BCI MIDEL Oil Stop Valves and VIPOR solutions for dewatering secondary containment systems with MIDEL oil. [Registration](#)

The above is one of a series of webinars with a focus on secondary containment. More info can be found in issue 791 of the ISCO Newsletter or visit <https://www.basicconcepts.com/upcoming-events/>

“FRONTLINE STORIES” -TRUE STORIES ABOUT THE WAYS EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES HELP USERS THROUGHOUT THE CHEMICAL SUPPLY CHAIN

Tuesday, August 24, 2021, 12:00 p.m. ET (GMT -5, New York) When we have a chemical incident, like a spill or accidental exposure, our safety depends on the fast availability of emergency response information. What we don't always think about is that this information depends on the actions of users throughout the chemical supply chain. [More info and registration](#)

UNDERSTANDING THE CONTENT OF SDS/ESDSS

1, 2, 8, 9 September. From Chemical Watch - Provides in-depth training on how to produce high quality SDSs and guides you through their application to mixtures, exposure reduction, and the interpretation of supplier exposure scenarios. [More info](#)

PFAS, GEOSYNTHETICS, AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION: HOW MUCH DO WE KNOW SO FAR?

Thursday, September 2, 2021, 12:00pm - 1:00pm From ALGA, This webinar will provide an overview of the current state of the practice on geosynthetic liners- poly and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFASs) interaction. [More info](#)

EIGHT PHASE APPROACH TO HNS INCIDENT SCENE MANAGEMENT – A STRUCTURED APPROACH TO SAFELY RESOLVING HAZMAT INCIDENTS

Tuesday 7th September, 10:00 AM (BST) Phase 3 – Arrival at the incident, free webinar

UPCOMING WEBINARS (CONTINUED)

Phase 3 considers the immediate steps that should be taken upon arrival at a hazmat incident. This starts with an initial dynamic risk assessment and communication with the on-site response team, and the responsible person, owner or occupier. During this webinar, our panel will look at the different ways of doing a full assessment of the incident scene and the importance of performing life-saving activities such as a snatch rescue. [More info](#)

WEBINAR ON TIERED PREPAREDNESS FOR WILDLIFE RESPONSE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION

Tuesday; 21 September 2021; at 10:00 am (CET) - Oil Spill Response Limited (OSRL), Sea Alarm and the Mediterranean Oil Industry Group (MOIG) are very pleased to invite you to the webinar on Tiered Preparedness for Wildlife Response in the Mediterranean Region

For full information and details of how to join please look at post in ISCO Newsletter 797 or email houcine.mejri@moig.org.tn

ONLINE AND OTHER TRAINING COURSES

SOME USEFUL LINKS

- AUSTRALIA – AMOSC - <https://amosc.com.au/training/>
- AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND – ALGA - <https://landandgroundwater.com/event/pfas-101>
- FRANCE - CEDRE - Click on these links [training catalogue](#) and [2021 calendar](#). We also invite you to visit our new online training space and the training courses offered: <https://elearning.cedre.fr/>
- UK & WORLDWIDE – OIL SPILL RESPONSE LTD. - <https://www.oilspillresponse.com/training/courses/>
- UK & WORLDWIDE – BRIGGS ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES LTD. - <https://www.briggsmarine.com/services/training/>
- UK – NCEC HAZMAT ACADEMY – [More info](#)
- USA – TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY – NATIONAL SPILL CONTROL SCHOOL - <http://nscs.tamucc.edu/schedule-2020-2021.html>
- USA – MPC, DETROIT - <https://marinepollutioncontrol.com/services/training-and-compliance>

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UPCOMING COURSES FROM LLOYDS MARITIME ACADEMY

Certificate in Combatting Marine and Air Pollution from Shipping – Starts on 23rd August 2021 – [More info](#)

Diploma in Maritime Safety Policies and Regulations – Starts 6th September 2021 – [More info](#)

PORTUGAL: INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM TRAINING COURSE

Join us in Portugal from September 8th to 10th, 2021, to learn how to manage an expanding incident using the Incident Command System and also get to network with our speakers, Richard Sims and Maria Mayrinck, and other stakeholders. Register here: <https://lnkd.in/d9a4CEW> #incidentmanagementsystem #Portugal #discountoffer #Portugal

CONTRACTS, TENDERS AND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

INTERNATIONAL OPEN TENDER NOTIFICATION SERVICE

This is a subscription service. [Have a look to see examples of open tenders.](#)

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES: USA & EUROPE

US Government solicitations are frequently posted in Technology Innovation News Survey, US EPA Tech Direct and USA Federal Contracts Update. European Maritime Safety Agency invitations to tender are often posted in The EMSA Newsletter. See “Links for other publications” for links to download current issues of these publications.

NIGERIA: PRE-QUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS

Contractors are invited to pre-qualify for simple and complex hydrocarbon impacted sites in ogoniland, nigeria, and expression of interest in design of centre of excellence for environmental restoration along with an integrated contaminated soil management centre [download the tender invitation document](#)

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

INMARSAT UNVEILS THE COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK OF THE FUTURE

July 29 - Today, Inmarsat unveiled plans for ORCHESTRA, the communications network of the future. In the largest ever transformation of its current world-class services, Inmarsat ORCHESTRA will bring together existing geosynchronous (GEO) satellites with low earth orbit satellites (LEO) and terrestrial 5G into an integrated, high-performance solution. gCaptain / [Read more](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Event organisers are requested to notify ISCO immediately if a listed event is cancelled or postponed

Your Editor is doing his best to keep this listing up-to-date but it should not be assumed that listed events have not been cancelled or postponed. It is recommended that you check with event organisers before finalising your attendance plans. If an event title is not printed in blue ink it is not hyperlinked to the event website. This may be because the website is not yet available or because the link for the website has not yet been given. If you want to request the addition of an event please contact the Editor.

For more information click on Title of Event			
COUNTRY	2021	TITLE OF EVENT	LOCATION
USA & VIRTUAL	August 9	OR&R Science of Chemical Releases (SOCR) Class	Online
USA & VIRTUAL	August 17-18	Clean Pacific Exhibition & Conference	Renton, WA
VIRTUAL EVENT	TBA	Hazmat Emergency Response Workshop	Online
CHINA	Sept. 2-4	International Environmental Protection Expo	Chengdu
NETHERLANDS	Sept. 9-10	Envirotech for Shipping Forum	Rotterdam
USA & VIRTUAL	Sept. 13-15	Clean Waterways Conference & Exhibition	Louisville, KY
UK	Sept. 15-16	ChemUK 2021 Expo	Birmingham
UK	Sept. 20-21	Emergency Planning Society Conference & AGM	Easingwold
UK	Sept. 22-23	Contamination & Geotech Expo 2021	Birmingham
UK	Sept 29 – Oct 1	Marine Claims Conference	Edinburgh
USA	October 5-7	Elastec's fall oil spill workshop	Carmi, IL
AUSTRALIA	October 18-21	Ecoforum 2021 Conference	Sydney
GERMANY	October 20	HELCOM Ministerial Meeting	Lübeck
USA	Nov. 16-18	Clean Gulf Conference & Exhibition	San Antonio, TX
VIRTUAL EVENT	Nov. 17-18	Emergency Responders Drone Conference 2021	Online
VIRTUAL EVENT	Nov. 22-26	IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee	Online
BAHREIN	POSTPONED	International Conference & Exhibition on Spills, Clean Seas & Environment	Bahrein
UK	December 1-2	Salvage and Wreck Removal Conference	London
CAMBODIA	December 1-4	East Asian Seas Congress	Sihanoukville
COUNTRY	2022	TITLE OF EVENT	LOCATION
UK	March 15-17	Oceanology International	London
NETHERLANDS	June 21-23	Interspill Conference and Exhibition	Amsterdam
BAHRAIN	October 15-17	International Conference & Exhibition on Spills, Clean Seas & Environment	Bahrein
CROATIA	October 25-27	Regional Workshop – Enhancing Preparedness and Response in the Adriatic & Mediterranean Regions	Opatija

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MESSAGES FROM EVENT ORGANISERS

USA: CLEAN PACIFIC – AGENDA & CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

CLEAN PACIFIC delivers real strategies and solutions for spill prevention, response and remediation in the Western United States and Canada.

At the CLEAN PACIFIC Conference, you'll have the opportunity to connect with professionals from maritime, facilities, rail, pipeline and governmental agencies during dedicated networking activities, conference sessions, on the exhibitor floor, and in the virtual platform.

The final registration discount offered for [CLEAN PACIFIC 2021](#) expires on Friday, August 13th! Attend the in-person event, August 17-18 at the Hyatt Regency Lake Washington, a secluded lakefront resort, and reconnect with your peers and colleagues you've been missing over the past year. If you cannot attend the in-person event, you can attend CLEAN PACIFIC virtually. All sessions will be live-streamed in our virtual platform.

Registration rates increase by \$100 for the in-person event and \$50 for the virtual experience after 8/13/2021. Register today and secure your discount!

[Agenda and Speaker List](#) [List of Exhibitors](#)

USA: 2021 CLEAN WATERWAYS CONFERENCE BROCHURE NOW AVAILABLE

A full, printable program is now available for this [year's CLEAN WATERWAYS Conference](#), taking place September 14-15 at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville, KY. Check out all that we have planned for CLEAN WATERWAYS. [Download the brochure](#)

USA: CLEAN GULF - 2021 CONFERENCE PROGRAM

The 2021 CLEAN GULF The [preliminary conference agenda](#), with speakers, is now available! Check out the program and commit to joining your peers in spill prevention and response this November. [Registration](#) [View the full program online](#)

Early bird registration discounts run through August 27th. Save up to \$200 on regular registration rates if you register by 8/27.

EUROPE – INTERSPILL CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION 2022

Interspill Limited is delighted to announce that it has partnered with iCONEX Global to organise Interspill 2022 at RAI Amsterdam on 21-23 June 2022.

The official event website is currently being updated, however, until then all the latest news and information about Interspill can be viewed at <https://www.interspill.org/>

USA: REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR ELASTEC'S FALL WORKSHOP 2021

Our intensive, hands-on FALL OIL SPILL WORKSHOP is designed for spill responders who desire hands-on oil spill response training. The three day workshop begins with a full day of classroom orientation at Elastec in Carmi, Illinois followed by two rigorous booming and skimmer deployment days on the Wabash River in New Harmony, Indiana. This workshop also qualifies as an 8-hour HAZWOPER refresher course. [More info](#)

UK: ENERGY INSURANCE LONDON

8th October 2021 - The agenda includes a session "Oil Spill & Pollution Mitigation - How does incident management work and what technology is available to enable the validation and containment of costs and managing third party claims in response to environmental and oil spill incidents? An informative session from the people on the ground. [More info](#)

CALL FOR PAPERS INTERSPILL 2022

The Interspill Committee announces the preliminary programme together with the Call for Papers for Interspill 2022 and invites authors to submit abstracts for consideration by 30 September 2022. [More info](#)

LINKS FOR DOWNLOADING AND READING OTHER PUBLICATIONS

[AMSA Update](#)
[ATRAC Newsletter](#)
[BIMCO Bulletin](#)
[Newsletter from George Holliday](#)
[Cedre Newsletter](#)
[EMSA Newsletter](#)
[Environmental Expert](#)
[GDACS Newsletter](#)
[GEF Newsletter](#)
[GESAMP](#)
[GISEA Quarterly Newsletter](#)
[IMO News Magazine](#)
[IMO Publishing Newsletter](#)
[ITOPF Ocean Orbit](#)
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[Navigate Response](#)
[NOAA OR&R](#)
[Oceanbuzz](#)
[OCIMF Newsletter](#)
[OHMSETT Gazette](#)
[Oiled Wildlife Log](#)
[PEMSEA Newsletter](#)
[Pollution Online Newsletter](#)

Latest News from the Australian Maritime Safety Authority
News from the Adriatic Training and Research Centre
Marine and shipping-related news from BIMCO
News and commentary on HSE issues from George Holliday
News from Cedre in Brittany, France
News from the European Maritime Safety Agency
Environmental News from Environmental Expert
Daily alerts for natural disasters – earthquakes, floods, typhoons, etc.
Monthly Newsletter from the Global Environment Facility
Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Protection
News from Global Initiative for South-East Asia
News from the International Maritime Organization
New and forthcoming IMO publications
News magazine from ITOPF with interesting spill response articles
Int'l Organisation for Industrial Hazard Management
Often contains articles of interest to the spill response community
UNEP / MAP Barcelona Convention News
News from the Mediterranean Oil Industry Group
News from the National Chemical Emergency Centre
Global crisis communications network for shipping & marine
Weekly round-up of news from NOAA's Office of Response & Restoration
Newsletter giving news on the Ocean Technology Industry
News from the Oil Companies International Marine Forum
Oil Spill Response Research & Renewable Energy Test Facility Quarterly
Bi-annual Newsletter from Tri-State Bird Rescue & Research
Healthy oceans, people and economies in the East Asian Seas
News for pollution prevention & control professionals

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USA EPA Tech Direct	Remediation of contaminated soil and groundwater	August 1, 2021
USA Federal Contract Opportunities	The authoritative source for federal contract opportunities	Current issue
Water Pollution & Flood News	Monthly round-ups of UK & Worldwide Spill and Flood News	Free on request

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NEW PUBLICATIONS

USA: FEMA RELEASES GUIDE ON KEY PLANNING FACTORS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR RESPONSE TO AND RECOVERY FROM A CHEMICAL INCIDENT

August 2 - FEMA has released Key Planning Factors and Considerations for Response to and Recovery from a Chemical Incident, written for response and recovery planners at the regional, state, local, tribal, and territorial levels. A coordinated response and recovery effort will include all levels of government in addition to the private sector, non-governmental organizations, and, potentially, international partners. Planning for a chemical incident requires additional considerations beyond all-hazard preparedness planning, so this document includes strategic and operational issues for consideration when developing response and recovery plans for a chemical incident. Homeland Security Today / [Read more](#)

JOB VACANCIES

GI WACAF IS HIRING A NEW PROJECT MANAGER

Are you interested in marine environment protection, oil spill preparedness and response, and technical cooperation in Africa? Are you fluent in French? GI WACAF is hiring a new Project Manager! Please see the full offer [here](#).

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF JUNIOR PROFESSIONAL OFFICER AT REMPEC, EXTENDED TO END AUGUST 2021

July 5 - The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) has announced a position for Junior Professional Officer at the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC) in Malta, through IMO Circular Letter No. 4353 dated 17 February 2021. [More info](#)

INCIDENT REPORTS

USA: NOAA OR&R SUMMARY OF INCIDENT RESPONSES FOR JULY 2021

Every month our Emergency Response Division provides scientific expertise and services to the U.S. Coast Guard on everything from running oil spill trajectories to model where the spill may spread, to possible effects on wildlife and fisheries and estimates on how long the oil may stay in the environment.

This month OR&R responded to 22 incidents in July, including oil discharges, grounded vessels, and other pollution-related incidents.

Here is the complete list of last month's incidents, click on the links to find out more:

- [Copper Solution to Hedges Creek](#)
- [Crashed Cargo Plane](#)
- [Port Isabel Barge Collision](#)
- [Vessel Aground Fisher Island Slough](#)
- [The Dalles Marina Dock Fire](#)
- [Sheen report](#)
- [Algae observed in Detroit River](#)
- [TPIC In Situ Burn, South Pass 24 BLD-U8](#)
- [Bulk Carrier Aground Columbia River](#)
- [Towed Vessel "Bligh Island" sinking near Bellingham, WA](#)
- [Columbia River Unknown Substance](#)
- [SS CEDARVILLE, historical sunken vessel potentially sheening](#)
- [PC RELENTLESS sunk](#)
- [PC GODFATHER sinking](#)
- [Recreational Vessel on Fire](#)
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- [Navy Pipeline Release, Pearl Harbor](#)
- [Shumigan NOAA/NESDIS MPSR](#)
- [Chicory Plant, Port Huron, MI](#)
- [FV Tyrant](#)
- [Mesa Gulf Cement Barge Release in Bayou Hermitage](#)
- [Shell Refinery Mystery Sheen](#)

OMAN: U.S., UK ACCUSE IRAN OF CONDUCTING DRONE STRIKE ON JAPANESE TANKER

August 1 - Western security officials claim that evidence strongly suggests that Iran was behind the attack on a Japanese-owned, UK-managed tanker off Oman last week, and the U.S. and Israel have promised to take action in response.

Two seafarers were killed in the attack on the Israeli-linked tanker Mercer Street, the latest in a string of incidents widely believed to be an ongoing tit-for-tat between Iran and Israel. The victims included a British security contractor and one Romanian crewmember. The U.S. military and London-based manager Zodiac Maritime have indicated that the attack was a drone strike.

The Maritime Executive / [Read more](#)

USA: 'SIGNIFICANT' OIL SPILL AT GOLDEN RAY WRECK SITE

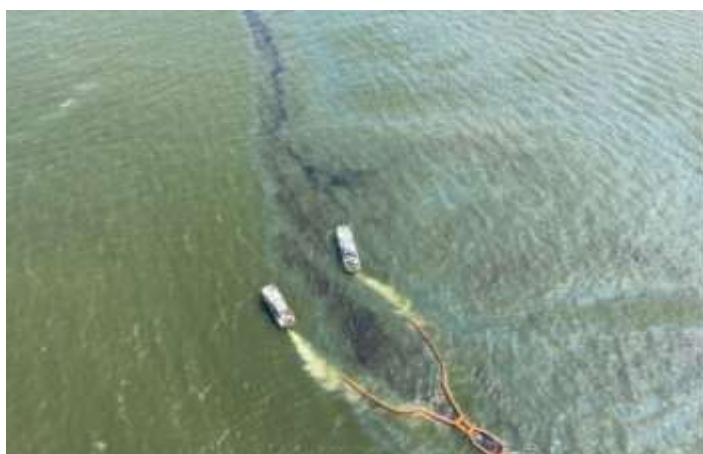


Photo: Response vessels are directed by helicopter to collect oil which has entrained under the EPB. St. Simons Incident Response Photo.

August 2 - Cutting of Section Six was completed on Friday and currently remains in place connected to the VB-10000. Approximately 25 response vessels equipped with oil skimmers, Current Busters and sorbent material were working to remove oil from inside the EPB and mitigate oil sheens in the vicinity of the wreck site. The section will be lifted and stowed onto a dry-dock barge once safe.

“We are very concerned about the impacted shorelines and have several clean up teams deployed using multiple techniques to remove oil from the beaches,” said U.S. Coast Guard Cmdr. Efren

Lopez, federal on-scene coordinator. “We urge the public to use beaches with caution if they are near an affected area.” gCaptain / [Read more](#) [Thanks to Dan Sheehan, Hon.FISCO, Member of ISCO Executive Committee]

August 3 - Days of cleanup after shipwreck oil leak fouls Georgia beach

More oil gushed into the water Monday from the remains of an overturned cargo ship being dismantled along the coast of Georgia, where dozens of workers were still busy cleaning up thick bands of blackened sand from a weekend oil leak that fouled a beach popular with tourists.

The multi-agency command overseeing demolition of the shipwreck dispatched about 70 workers to the shoreline of St. Simons Island, where oil had washed onshore across roughly 2.5 miles (4 kilometers) of beach and marsh grasses. Cleanup efforts were expected to take several days.

“It's terrible,” Fletcher Sams, executive director of the Altamaha Riverkeeper conservation group, said as he strolled the beach Monday. “We’re looking at probably 100 yard bags full of oiled sediment that they’re picking up right now. But they’re hardly putting a dent in it.” The Kansas City Star / [Read more](#)

August 5 - Golden Ray Wreck Continues to Spill Fuel Oil

Photo: Mitigation efforts near section six after spillage on Wednesday (St. Simons Sound Incident Response)

On Wednesday morning, wreck removal personnel once again partially raised the sixth section. An oil discharge began to pool inside of retention boom around the section, and the salvage master paused the lifting operation to allow oil skimmers in with a floating vacuum system to pump out fuel oil floating on the surface. Some oil escaped beyond the perimeter barrier, and about 30 pollution control vessels were on hand to respond. “We are executing very controlled lifts of Section Six in order to recover any oil that discharges from the section without overwhelming our multi-layered mitigation system,” said Incident Commander Chris Graff of Gallagher Marine Systems. The Maritime Executive / [Read more](#)



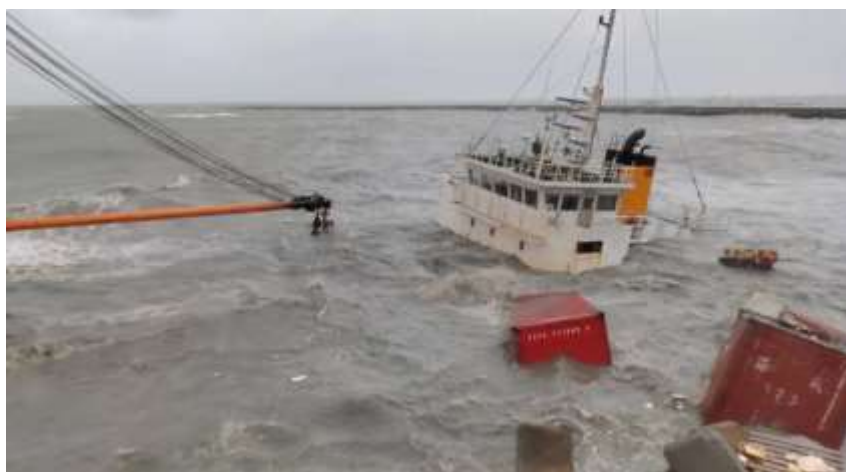
THAILAND: 10 CONTAINERS LOST, WASHED ASHORE ON RESORT ISLAND BEACHES

August 2 - 10 containers, some or all of them 40-foot ones, loaded with rubber wood, went overboard from container barge MCL PREMIER in Andaman sea off the coast of Satun Province, Thailand, early in the morning Aug 2 or during the night Aug 1-2. Barge was towed by tug MCL EXPRESS I (no data found) from Kantang, Trang Province, Thailand, to Penang, Malaysia. Caravan encountered heavy seas, resulting in the loss of 10 containers. All were located, with majority being washed ashore on Ko Bulon Le island beaches. Maritime Bulletin / [Read more](#)

USA: CALIFORNIA - COAST GUARD, PARTNER AGENCIES RESCUE MAN AND 6 DOGS, CONTINUE RESPONSE TO FUEL SPILL NEAR TOMALES POINT

August 4 - The Coast Guard is responding to a fuel spill Wednesday from a grounded boat located a half mile north of Driftwood Beach, Tomales Point, left from a rescue Tuesday. Global Diving and Salvage personnel have been contracted to conduct a vessel assessment and remove all petroleum products from the boat. US Coast Guard / [Read more](#)

TAIWAN, CHINA: COASTER FELL VICTIM TO TYPHOON - VIDEO PHOTOS



August 6 - General cargo ship SAM BO II was pushed on breakwater of Budai Port, Chiayi County, western Taiwan, in the afternoon Jul 5, while leaving port, failing to hold on against strong wind and swell brought by LUPIT typhoon. 9 crew were evacuated by mobile crane with basket, all are safe.

Ship's hull was breached, she sank alongside breakwater. The ship was connecting Budai, mainland Taiwan, with Penghu islands, Taiwan Strait, at the time of disaster she was loaded with 35 containers and other cargo.

Maritime Bulletin / [Read more](#)

INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS OF ISCO

In the Maritime Bulletin, Mikhail Voytenko regularly advises on vessel abandonments, groundings and sinkings – several every week – but, unless there is an immediate and significant release of oil or chemicals, spillages are not reported. However many of Mikhail's reports cover incidents that may have potential to cause pollution. To view all of his reports, visit <https://www.maritimebulletin.net/>

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