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The International Spill Control Organisation, a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to raising worldwide preparedness & co-operation in response to oil and chemical spills, marine & freshwater pollution by plastics, promoting technical development and professional competency, & to providing a focus for making the knowledge and experience of spill control professionals available to Intergovernmental, Governmental, NGO's and interested groups and individuals. ISCO holds consultative status at the International Maritime Organisation & Observer Status at the International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds

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**Incident Reports –** Because these may be received close to time of sending out the newsletter, they are entered at the latest possible time on the last page/s.

## IMO: OPEN CALL FOR SHIPPING AND FISHERIES COMPANIES TO JOIN NEW GLOBAL ALLIANCE ON OCEAN LITTER

Businesses operating in the shipping and fisheries sectors are invited to express their interest in joining the Marine Plastic Litter Global Industry Alliance (GIA).

The alliance will bring together maritime and fisheries industry leaders, with the aim of developing innovative solutions to prevent and reduce ocean plastics, while addressing common barriers to the uptake of technologies and alternative approaches. [IMO / Read more](#)

## IPIECA-IMO GLOBAL INITIATIVE, GIWACAF, GEF, OSPRI AND GISEA – UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

OSPRI is supporting a Black Sea sub-regional workshop on oil pollution preparedness, response and co-operation, organised by IMO and hosted by the Romanian Naval Authority in Bucharest.

OSPRI will participate in a Caspian Sea regional oil spill workshop in early October, working with UNEP and IMO.

A full-scale oil spill exercise is planned in the Kazakhstan sector of the Caspian Sea in August and OSPRI is facilitating the involvement of the relevant national authorities.

Under UNEP auspices, Global Environment Facility (GEF) regional project is discussed for possible launch and implementation in Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan and OSPRI is facilitating the sensitivity mapping development in Kazakhstan as priority direction of the project.

The GI WACAF is supporting the Congo in reviewing its national spill contingency plan for accidental spills of hydrocarbons and hazardous and noxious substances (HNS). The national workshop was held in January with some work sessions on specific areas such as the organisation of response at sea and on land, but also cross-border cooperation.

GI WACAF has been invited by CIAPOL to attend the national exercise POLLUMAR 2024 in Ivory Coast, as an observer. Participation in Thailand Oil and Chemical Response Exercise (TOC-EX), 25-26 July.

Delivery of national workshop to support the update to National Oil Spill Contingency Plan and national framework on oil and chemical spill preparedness and response for the Philippines, 29 July-1 August. Delivery of national workshop on claims handling for Thailand, 3-5 September. IPIECA / [Read the full briefing](#)

## ISU PUBLISHES SALVAGE INDUSTRY STATISTICS FOR 2023

Key figures:

- Gross revenue for ISU members – US\$ 398 million (2022, US\$ 241 million)
- 184 services provided (2022, 149 services)
- Lloyd's Open Form (LOF) – 16 cases (2022, 26). LOF revenue down at US\$29 million (2022, US\$ 66 million)
- Wreck removal income – US\$ 193 million from 30 services (2022, US\$ 55 million from 32 services)

All numbers are gross income from which all the contractors' costs must be paid. Numbers are for income in the year received not the year when the service was provided.

ISU President, John Witte, said: "The 2023 ISU statistics show a modest recovery compared with the historically low level in 2022. Emergency response services generated US\$ 196 million split between LOF, US\$ 29 million, and other contracts, \$167 million.

Wreck removal income has rallied rising to US\$ 193 from the very low level of US\$55 million in the previous year. Wreck removal income is important for our members and this is a welcome increase. It brings the split of the industry's income back to the typical levels of approximately 50:50 between emergency response and wreck removal income." The 2023 ISU statistics show a historic low level of LOF cases – 16 for ISU members – generating income of US\$ 29 million. This by some degree the smallest number of both LOF cases and income in the past 30 years. Marine Salvage / [Read more](#)

## REGIONAL NEWS

### NORTH AMERICA: ADVANCING GREAT LAKES RESEARCH AND RESILIENCY THROUGH COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS



Satellite image of the Great Lakes, April 24, 2000. Image credit: NASA.

The Great Lakes region stands as a crucial ecosystem, supporting diverse species, habitats, and communities integral to both environmental health and human livelihoods. Despite its significance, this area has historically lacked robust scientific data, leaving sensitive ecosystems and underrepresented communities vulnerable to various threats such as pollution and invasive species.

In recent years, there has been an increase in efforts to protect the Great Lakes, driven by significant events that highlighted the pressing need for action. For example, the 2010 oil spill in Talmadge Creek and the subsequent contamination of the Kalamazoo River, resulting from a rupture in the Enbridge pipeline, were pivotal moments. These incidents prompted the Office of Response and Restoration (OR&R) to assess environmental damage and establish restoration objectives as part of the Natural Resource Damage Assessment Process (NRDA). NOAA OR&R / [Continue reading](#)

## NORTH AMERICA: U.S.-MEXICO BORDER 2025 ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM RELEASES BINATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS REPORT

Today, July 18, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, in coordination with Mexico's Secretariat of Environment and Natural Resources (SEMARNAT, acronym in Spanish), released the [Border 2025 mid-term Highlights Report](#). This report highlights the 2021-2023 accomplishments within border communities through the Border 2025 program.

"EPA is proud to work closely and productively with the Government of Mexico and State and local leaders to improve public health along the U.S. – Mexico border," said EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan. "This report highlights the investments of the Biden Administration, and the commitment of State and local governments to improve conditions for the border communities, particularly underserved and disadvantaged communities." EPA / [Read more](#)

## BLACK SEA: ACTION PLAN TO BOOST OIL SPILL RESPONSE IN THE BLACK SEA



Countries bordering the Black Sea have outlined an action plan to strengthen the oil spill response capabilities of the region and better protect the marine environment.

Fifteen government officials from Bulgaria, Georgia, Moldova, Romania, Türkiye and Ukraine developed the action plan during a workshop organized by IMO in Bucharest, Romania (10-12 July). The event was supported by representatives of the Black Sea Commission, the Oil Spill Preparedness Regional Initiative (OSPRI) for the Caspian Sea, Black Sea and Central Eurasia, and IMO.

The workshop promoted the effective implementation of the International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Co-operation (OPRC) Convention, while bolstering cooperation among countries in the region. IMO / [Read more](#)

## EUROPE: ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF MARINE POWER

Under the European Green Deal, the EU has pledged to become climate neutral by 2050, with an intermediate goal of a 55% reduction of greenhouse emissions by 2030. Maritime transport, which has traditionally relied on the use of conventional fossil fuels, is preparing for a transformation to meet EU and international climate targets.

To this end, and to support the European Commission, national administrations, and industry in the ongoing decarbonisation of the maritime sector, particularly in the context of [the FuelEU Maritime initiative](#), EMSA has produced a series of reports, studies, and guidance on alternative fuels and sources of power.

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## ISCO NEWS

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### AUSTRALIA: PLASTIC FREE JULY: AMSA'S ACTION TO REDUCE MARINE PLASTICS

July 2 - Plastic Free July encourages millions worldwide to reduce plastic consumption and find sustainable alternatives. As the national maritime regulator, we commit to reducing ocean plastics that harm our precious marine environment. To do this we work both internationally and at home. AMSA / [Read more](#)

### BULGARIA: EMSA PARTICIPATES IN OPERATION BREEZE

July 17 - On 12 July, in the vicinity of Burgas, Bulgaria, EMSA participated in the operational exercise Breeze 2024 organised by the Bulgarian Navy together with the Bulgarian Maritime Administration and attended by the President of Bulgaria. EMSA mobilised the stand-by oil spill recovery vessel Galaxy Eco, based in Varna, Bulgaria. The vessel simulated oil spill recovery deploying its sweeping arms. During this exercise, the Galaxy Eco also demonstrated its at-sea dispersant spraying capabilities. EMSA / [Read more](#)

### CANADA: CANADA SETS UP ITS LARGEST MARINE PROTECTED AREA

July 14 - The government of Canada and First Nations along the coast of British Columbia have designated the country's largest marine protected area (MPA). The MPA is located 93 miles off the west coast of Vancouver Island and around 50 miles southwest of Haida Gwaii. Covering approximately 133,019 square kilometers, the MPA is home to nearly 50 seamounts and hydrothermal vents, with unique deep-water species that only exist there. The Maritime Executive / [Read more](#)

### MEXICO: COOKING AN ENVIRONMENTAL CATASTROPHE IN MEXICO'S ILLEGAL DRUG LABS

July 15 - Thousands of clandestine labs to manufacture synthetic drugs are dumping tons of toxic chemicals into Mexico's most fragile ecosystems. Who is in charge of protecting the environment against the growing number of these laboratories? Quinto Elemento Lab investigates El Pais / [Read more](#)

### NIGERIA: TINUBU REVERSES ADEKANMBI'S APPOINTMENT AS HYREP COORDINATOR, REINSTATES ZABBEY

July 15 - President Bola Tinubu has reinstated Professor Nenibarini Zabbey as the Project Coordinator of the Hydrocarbon Pollution Remediation Project. The President's Special Adviser on Media and Publicity, Ajuri Ngelale, announced Zabbey's reinstatement in a statement on Monday titled 'President Tinubu reinstates professor Nenibarini Zabbey, as HYREP coordinator.' Punch / [Read more](#)

July 17 - Jubilant Ogoni youths welcome reinstated HYPREP coordinator. Youths and various groups from the Ogoni extraction in Rivers State, on Tuesday, gathered at the office of the Hydro-Carbon Pollution Remediation Project to celebrate the reinstatement of the Project Coordinator, Prof. Nenibarini Zabbey. Punch / [Read more](#)

### SINGAPORE: MARINE HONOUR INCIDENT – LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

July 15 - As previously reported, on 14 June 2024, the Netherlands-flagged dredging ship Vox Maxima struck the Singapore-flagged Marine Honour at Pasir Panjang shipping terminal, resulting in an oil spill from one of the latter's cargo tanks. The incident has caused pollution damage to the affected areas and is likely to result in claims for compensation, exceeding the limit of liability of the shipowner under the 1992 Civil Liability Convention (1992 CLC).

Singapore is Party to both the 1992 CLC and the 1992 Fund Convention. It has been confirmed that the oil from the vessel is persistent and that the Marine Honour falls within the definition of 'ship' under the 1992 Conventions. Therefore, both the 1992 CLC and Fund Convention apply to this incident. IOPC Funds / [Read more](#)

### UGANDA: PETROLEUM AUTHORITY REASSURES ON STEPS TO MITIGATE OIL SPILL

July 12 - The Petroleum Authority of Uganda (PAU) has assured the country of steps it has made and more to be made to mitigate potential oil spill in the future.

Uganda is aiming to produce, by 2025, around 1.4 billion barrels from two oil fields in Tilenga, the larger one operated by France's TotalEnergies, and Kingfisher, entrusted to the China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC). During a meeting with the Ambassador Richard Kabonero, head of regional economic cooperation department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, PAU director of environmental health and safety Joseph Kabusheshe said they already have in place has a robust, detailed and comprehensive national oil spill contingency plan which she needs to share with neighbouring countries. All Africa / [Read more](#)

### USA: LATEST NEWS REPORTS FROM NOAA OR&R

July 15 -To read these reports click on the links below.

[OR&R Prepares Great Lakes Partners for Shoreline Oiling Response](#)



On June 10-12, OR&R conducted shoreline oiling assessment and treatment training with federal, state, tribal, and local partners in the Northern Michigan Area Committee of the Great Lakes.

**OR&R Promotes Waste Management and Marine Debris in the Indo-Pacific for International Visitor Leadership Program Delegation**

On July 2, the NOAA Marine Debris Program presented at the [International Visitor Leadership Program \(IVLP\)](#)(link is external) delegation on the topic of promoting waste management and tackling marine debris for the Indo-Pacific region. This event was coordinated by the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Oceans and the International Environmental and Scientific Affairs Office of Conservation and Water. The IVLP delegation included representatives from India, Japan, Maldives, Pakistan, the Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, and Vietnam.

**NO NEWS FROM YOUR PART OF THE WORLD ?**

Members and other readers are invited to help rectify the balance of world news reporting. News stories from North America, UK, Australia, etc. are much more accessible than reports from other parts of the world and especially from non-English-speaking countries. If you come across a report that you think worth sharing with other members of the response community, why not send it to the editor at [info@spillcontrol.org](mailto:info@spillcontrol.org)

**PEOPLE IN THE NEWS (**

**CAPTAIN IAN FINLEY TO RECEIVE IMO INTERNATIONAL MARITIME PRIZE**



Captain Ian Finley, Permanent Representative of the Cook Islands to IMO, has been selected as the recipient of the prestigious International Maritime Prize for 2023. The decision was made by the IMO Council at its 132nd session (8 to 12 July 2024).

Captain Finley was nominated for the award by the Government of the Cook Islands. As a delegate to IMO, representing Panama and latterly the Cook Islands, he has been an active participant in the development of virtually all safety, environmental and legal legislation adopted by the Organization since 1995.

In its statement supporting his nomination for the prize, the Government of the Cook Islands cited Captain Finley's longstanding work as a delegate to IMO for more than three decades. He is "a stalwart of Diplomatic Conferences, always striving for consensus and, when necessary, helping to facilitate the compromises required" IMO / [Read more](#)

**NEWS FROM ISCO MEMBERS(**

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### FROM MARINE PLANKTON, MICROORGANISMS CAPABLE OF DEGRADING BIOPLASTICS

For the first time, thanks to the collaboration with the University of Pisa (Departments of Civil and Industrial Engineering and Biology), Aquarium-Costa Edutainment S.p.A, Azienda Servizi Ambientali ASA SpA of Livorno, Zhejiang Ocean University (ZIOU) and the joint Sino-Italian Laboratory ZIOU-ISPRA, it has been demonstrated that the microbiome associated with plankton, reared in the ISPRA laboratories, is able to metabolise plastics used in the marine environment, in a relatively short time and at ambient temperature. These encouraging results lead to new hypotheses for the biotechnological utilisation of marine plankton, particularly in the fight against bioplastic pollution and the transformation of contaminated marine matrices (bioremediation). ISPRA / [Read more](#)

### MICROPLASTIC POLLUTION IN LANDFILL LEACHATE: THE DRIP-DRIP OF PROGRESS

An article appearing in the Elsevier journal Desalination and Water Treatment in June 2024 attempts a survey of the topic, and summarizes the current status of microplastics in landfill leachate, including aspects such as their source, abundance, characteristics (polymer types, shapes, and sizes), suitable remediation techniques, and environmental impacts. "Microplastics in landfill leachate: Sources, abundance, characteristics, remediation approaches and future perspective", Desalination and Water Treatment. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.dwt.2024.100445> Envirotec Magazine / [Read more](#)

### BEHAVIOUR OF OIL AND OTHER HAZARDOUS AND NOXIOUS SUBSTANCES (HNS) SPILLED IN ARCTIC WATERS (BOHASA)

Norway initiated the BoHaSa project in response to a request in the Salekhard Declaration. The BoHaSa report presents a compilation of current knowledge and expertise on the behaviour of hazardous substances in Arctic waters to promote the development and use of technologies and working methods that improve the ability to respond to accidents involving such substances. The report outlines some of the risks present in the Arctic associated with oil and HNS shipping activities as well as the international transportation protocols and conventions which apply to these substances, past incidents involving these substances, and summarizes shipping trends. The main body of the report contains a summary of what is known about the behaviour of various spilled substances, HNS and oil, in Arctic conditions. Arctic Council / [Read more](#)

## RECENT INTERESTING PEER-REVIEWED OIL SPILL PUBLICATIONS

### A COLUMN CREATED BY DR. MERV FINGAS, Hon.FISCO, MEMBER OF ISCO COUNCIL



*This is a weekly column which provides the references and abstracts of new peer-reviewed scientific publications on oil spills.*

To read Dr Merv Fingas' weekly column, please click on <https://spillcontrol.org/interesting-peer-reviewed-oil-spill-publications-collated-by-dr-merv-fingas-member-of-isco-council-for-canada/>

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#### AUGUST 2024

- CANADA – International Conference on Environmental Pollution & Remediation, Montreal, 5-6 August 2024
- GERMANY – “14<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Environmental Pollution & Remediation”, Berlin, August 25-27, 2024
- SPAIN & ONLINE – “14<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Environmental Pollution & Remediation, Barcelona, August 25-27. 2024

#### SEPTEMBER 2024 ONWARDS

- CHINA / ONLINE – WSH Asia Awards 2024, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024
- UAE - SPE International Health, Safety, Environment, and Sustainability Conference and Exhibition 10–12 September 2024, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
- USA – Elastec River Spill Workshop, Carmi, Indiana, 8-10 October 2024
- UK – Water, Waste & Environmental Monitoring – 9-10 October 2024, NEC, Birmingham, UK
- NEW ZEALAND - Land and Groundwater Conference, Auckland, 22-24 October 2024
- CHINA – 8<sup>th</sup> East Asian Seas Congress, Xiamen, 6-8 November 2024
- USA - Industry Technical Advisory Committee (ITAC) - Fort Lauderdale, FL, USA, 13-15 November 2024
- UK – Seatrade Maritime Salvage & Wreck Conference, London, 11-12 December 2024

#### SOME OTHER INFORMATION

- Recordings of past ExxonMobil OSR Knowledge Transfer Webinar Recordings – [Access and Download](#)
- Gulf-Alaska Knowledge Exchange – A Workshop Series chaired by Ed Levine, Hon.FISCO – [More information](#)
- IG P&I Podcast - Exploring some of the topics discussed at the Seatrade Maritime Salvage & Wreck Conference - [Listen](#)
- Marine Insurance Events: Issue 18 of *The Marine Insurer*: 'Dali incident: Largest ever marine claim?'. [CLICK HERE](#)  
Our next three live events will be: Marine Claims International, 25th-27th September, Malahide, Ireland [Click here](#) to register your interest. Marine Insurance Nordics, 16th October, Oslo, Norway [Click here](#) to register your interest. Energy Insurance Americas, 21st November, Houston, USA [Click here](#) to register your interest.

#### UPCOMING WEBINARS

News of upcoming Webinars is often given without the type of URL provided for conferences. Because of this they will now be listed separately from “Upcoming Events” and a link for more info given will be given.

- Econext has released a programme of upcoming courses and webinars. This can be viewed at [https://econext.myvirtualcampus.co/product-category/webinars/?orderby=date&mc\\_cid=9c2c758fcd&mc\\_eid=6a430f153](https://econext.myvirtualcampus.co/product-category/webinars/?orderby=date&mc_cid=9c2c758fcd&mc_eid=6a430f153)
- IOPC Funds Webinar Series – Full programme announced IOPC Funds / [Read more](#)

#### UPDATES FROM EVENT ORGANISERS

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#### USA: CLEAN GULF CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION 2024

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#### INDIA: OIL SPILL INDIA CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION, NEW DELHI, 11-12 SEPTEMBER 2024

In the backdrop of the recent oil spill incident, caused during cyclone Michaung in Chennai's Ennore Creek, it is with a sense of urgency and shared responsibility that we announce that the 7th edition of Oil Spill India (OSI 2024), the region's flagship

conference & exhibition on the Oil Spill Prevention, Planning, Preparedness, Response & Restoration industry, will be organised during 11th & 12th September 2024 at Hotel JW Marriott, Aerocity, New Delhi, India. [View the OSI 2024 website](#)

## EUROPE – INTERSPILL CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION – 8-10 APRIL 2025 – ExCeL, LONDON

This internationally respected triennial event (which connects global stakeholders involved in marine oil spill research, prevention, preparedness, response and restoration) will return on 8-10 April 2025 at ExCeL London. <https://www.interspill.org/2025>

For information updates, click on the links – [NEW EXHIBITORS CONFIRMED](#) [CALL FOR PAPERS SUCCESS](#) [DELEGATE PASS UPDATE](#) [CALL FOR PAPERS EXTENSION AGREED TO 18 JUNE 2024](#) [PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME AND CALL FOR PAPERS PARTICIPATION UPDATE](#) [SPEAKER TALK SUBMISSION](#)

The Interspill conference is recognised for its excellence, focus on emerging research and depth of scientific content. It is organised by the Conference Committee that has new chairs Rob Holland and Richard Johnson, who were appointed at the Conference Committee Meeting held in London on 20 February 2024.

## CONTRACTS, TENDERS AND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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ISCO Members can post requests for submission of invitations to tender for supplies / services in this section.

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**EMSA Newsletter July 2024** <https://www.emsa.europa.eu/newsroom/latest-news/item/5268-newsletter-july-2024.html>

In the July edition of the EMSA newsletter: we have the latest on new reports on the safety of alternative fuels as well as on CISE's entry into the operational phase. There's an update on the visit of European Commission Vice-President for Promoting our European Way of Life, Margaritis Schinas, to EMSA, as well as a look at EMSA's participation in Operation Breeze in Bulgaria



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### USA: NOAA OR&R INCIDENT RESPONSES FOR JUNE 2024

So far this year, OR&R has responded to 95 incidents. During June, ERD provided response support for 17 incidents, including 16 new incidents in seven states. Thirteen of the new incidents were actual or potential oil spills, two were chemical spills, and one involved both oil and hazardous materials.

OR&R staff prepared 110 incident reports and documents, including seven fate and trajectory analyses. Four of the incidents this month were unknown volumes, but 12 of the incidents had volume estimates. Cumulatively, these incidents posed an approximate risk of more than 150,000 gallons of oil and chemicals.

Here is the complete list of June's incidents. Click on the links to find out more:

- [Mystery Sheen, Main Pass 80](#); off coast of Louisiana
- [Oil Sheen #2 off Cape Flattery](#); Coastal Washington State
- [Anhydrous Ammonia Release](#); Metlakatla, AK
- [Sunken F/V Miss Courtney Kim](#); SE of Sand Point, AK
- [Sheening M/V Aurora](#); Little Potato Slough, Stockton, CA
- [Pipeline Spill at Delta Farms Oil Field](#), In Situ Burn; Lafitte, LA
- [Release of Alkyl Ether Sulfate from Chemical Facility](#); Fieldsboro, NJ
- [Oil Sheen off Cape Flattery](#), WA
- [Plane Crash in Southern Washington](#); Ocean Shores, WA
- [Two Sheens](#); East of San Clemente Island, CA
- [M/V Michipicoten Hull Fracture](#) in Lake Superior
- [Plane Crash Near Jones Island](#); Jones Island Marine State Park, WA
- [Recreational Vessel Hard Aground in Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary](#); Black River, MI
- [M/V Norseman II Stuck in Ice](#); Bering Strait, AK
- [Mineral Oil Spill](#), Leach Creek; Tacoma, WA
- [M/V Crane, Stapleton Anchorage, NY Harbor](#); Staten Island, NY

### SOUTH AFRICA: CALM WEATHER HELPS SALVAGE OF 'MV ULTRA GALAXY' OFF SOUTH AFRICA'S COAST



Grounded Panama-flagged general cargo vessel, the Ultra Galaxy, on its side, showing the breach of its cargo holds. Photo courtesy SAMSA

July 12 - Pockets of calmer weather off South Africa's west coast have provided a much-needed boost to the salvage efforts of the grounded Panama-flagged cargo ship, MV Ultra Galaxy. A preliminary assessment revealed that the vessel, located approximately 60 nautical miles west of Doring Bay at the time of its initial distress, carried a full load of fertilizer in bags, as well as low sulfur bunkering fuel and hydraulic oils. According to SAMSA, the top priority is the removal of the ship's fuel and oils to prevent possible environmental pollution. The Maritime Executive / [Read more](#)

## **RED SEA: A HOUSHI ATTACK ON CHIOS LION OIL TANKER LEAVES 40KM OIL SLICK**

July 17 – An attack using explosive drone boats and aerial drones has caused a 40 km oil slick in the Red Sea satellite images revealed on Wednesday. The Chios Ray, a Liberia-flagged oil tanker carrying a cargo of crude oil from Russia was shown in a video released by the group on Tuesday evening, which showed catastrophic damage to the ship explosive drone boats ranned into its s.ide. Wim Zwijnburg, an expert on the environmental impact of conflict said this oil spill will “likely cause the biggest impact from coasta pollution as he oil does not dilute easily thus affecting the marine life on the shore”. The Red Sea is a transit point for about 12% of maritime trade is home to unique coral reefs. Hellenic Shipping News / [Read more](#)

## **SPAIN: VALENCIA SHUTS THREE BEACHES HIT BY OIL SPILL**

July 17 - The city council of Valencia, Spain, on Tuesday closed three beaches on the Mediterranean coast after oil or fuel from a spill washed up on a 2-km (1.2-mile) line of sand. The cause of the spill was not immediately clear. Authorities in Valencia, Spain's third-largest city, have sent a drone and a helicopter to find the origin and nature of the spill and gauge its severity. Special crews were sent to clean up the popular beaches just south of the city on a narrow strip of land between the Mediterranean and a protected wetland called L'Albufera. Reuters / [Read more](#)

## **OMAN: OIL TANKER SINKS OFF OMAN COAST; 13 INDIANS AMONG 16 MISSING CREW**

July 17 - The Comoros-flagged Prestige Falcon had a 16-member crew - 13 from India and three from Sri Lanka - and search and rescue operations to locate missing seafarers are underway. The incident happened Monday 25 nautical miles southeast of Ras Madrasah. An official at the Maritime Security Center declined to say whether the incident caused an oil spill. It was unclear from ship tracking data whether the vessel was laden at the time. Economic Times / [Read more](#)

## **USA: MICHIGAN - CHEMICAL SPILL NEAR VALLEY CAMP STILL BEING MONITORED**

July 17 - A chemical spill in the St. Marys River continues to be monitored and investigated by the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Northern Great Lakes in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. An oil sheen was discovered near the Coast Guard base and just downriver at the Kemp Marina and the Museum Ship Valley Camp. Even though the Coast Guard says only around ten gallons of an "oily product" were released, floating booms were placed around the marina and Valley Camp as a precaution. Soo Leader / [Read more](#)

## **RUSSIA: OIL SPILLS DETECTED IN MURMANSK REGION**

July 17 - A large oil spill was detected in the Pervomaysky district of Murmansk city – the capital of the Russian Arctic. The spill has appeared in the very inner part of the Kola fjord – along the Tuloma River that flows into the Barents Sea, Russian environmental watchdog Rosprirodnadzor reported on July 15 in Vkontakte.

The spill is spreading downstream towards the Barents Sea. Along the entire route of the pollution, saturated spots of oil products are observed on the shoreline of the Kola Bay. Authorities have so far tested water in two locations – around the Kolsky bridge in the Pervomaysky district of Murmansk and around the bridge in the town of Kola in the Murmansk suburbs. The watchdog experts suggest the initial source of both spills is the same and is located further upstream. RCI net / [Read more](#)

## **NIGERIA: BAYELSA FARMERS DESERT FIELDS, HARVEST PREMATURE CROPS OVER FLOODING, OIL SPILL**

July 18 - Farming and fishing, a mainstay and predominant business among the people of Bayelsa State and Niger Delta region is currently facing dwindling participation over the flooding of farmlands and oil spills, which have polluted water sources and farms in the area. Recently, the indigenes of Olugboboro community in Southern Ijaw LGA of Bayelsa State decried the massive leakage of crude oil from the pipeline operated by the Nigerian Agip Oil Company, (NAOC) in the area where farmlands, water sources, ponds, economic trees and lakes in the forests have been completely impacted. Daily Trust / [Read more](#)

## **LAOS: CHEMICALS DUMPED INTO LAO RIVER CONTAMINATE WATER SOURCE, KILL FISH**

July 18 - Authorities in northern Laos are searching for those responsible for a toxic chemical dump that contaminated a river, killing fish and depriving villagers of an important source of water. The pollution in the Huon River in Ngoy district in Luang Prabang province highlights lax oversight of foreign investment in Laos, where companies flock to exploit natural resources with little regard for the impact on the environment and communities. Rfa.net / [Read more](#)

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