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UK GOVERNMENT AND IOPC FUNDS SIGN NEW HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENTS



March 24 – From IOPC Funds - The Director is delighted to announce that on 23 March 2022, the revised Headquarters Agreement between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the 1992 Fund, and for the new Headquarters Agreement for the Supplementary Fund were signed at the IOPC Funds Headquarters in London.

The Director was honoured to welcome Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department of Transport (UK), Robert Courts, who attended the IOPC Funds offices to sign the Headquarters Agreements on behalf of the Host Government. These Agreements, which were approved by the governing bodies at their November 2020 sessions, will provide the necessary privileges and immunities to the IOPC Funds to discharge its responsibilities and functions fully and efficiently. This is of particular importance to the Supplementary Fund, as it is the first Headquarters Agreement for the organisation since the Protocol entered into force in 2005. IOPC Funds / [Read more](#)

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NEWS REPORTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

CROATIA: ANOTHER SUCCESSFULLY DELIVERED TRAINING COURSE IN THE PEPSEA PROJECT



March 24 - During last week, 16.-18.03.2022., ATRAC prepared and held the training course at the project pilot locations of project partner Parco Delta Po within the PEPSEA project. A two-day training course "Introduction to the accidental marine pollution" was held for volunteers of Civil Protection organization who are in charge of oil spill response in the Province Rovigo. Among the 40 participants were also delegates from Croatian project partners. The training course included a visit to two very sensitive marine environmental sites – Canarin and Caleri Lagunas in Parco Delta Po. <http://atrac.hr/en/>

KUWAIT: SIGNING OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE UNEP REGIONAL OFFICE FOR WEST ASIA (ROWA)

March 15 - in addition to four cooperation agreements aimed at intensifying efforts in protecting the environment in Kuwait to address climate change, pollution control, sustainable production and consumption and other environmental topics of priority in Kuwait. this note reflects the shared priorities of both the program and the authority, particularly UNEP's role in supporting the national environmental agenda with international expertise. Kuwait EPA / [Read more](#)

NIGERIA: UNEP SUPPORT PROJECT TO HYPREP – FEBRUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER

All the latest news, reports and articles about UNEP's HYREP Support Project. UNEP / [Download the February Newsletter](#)

USA: OP-ED: NEW BILL WILL MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO CHANGE OPA 90 SALVORS

March 23 - The statutory rights of vessel owners, underwriters, and the U.S. Coast Guard in time of a vessel emergency are under attack, and the result will be a degradation in response capability.

Imagine a scenario where you hire a contractor who then sues you and lobbies the government to pass a law forcing you to use them indefinitely. Unfortunately, this could become a reality for all vessel owners, operators, and insurers if Section 401 of the U.S.

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NEWS REPORTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD (CONTINUED)

House of Representatives' proposed U.S. Coast Guard, Authorization Act of 2022 is passed of 2022 is passed in the next few weeks.

This section's proposed change to OPA 90 would make it impossible to change a salvor during a project in U.S. waters. There are currently three major providers of OPA 90 Salvage and Marine Firefighting (SMFF) services, and two of them (Resolve Marine included) are opposed to Section 401. The third salvor is Donjon-SMIT, which requested the proposed legislation. The Maritime Executive / [Read more](#)

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

DUTCH RESEARCHERS DEVELOPING MARITIME CRASH BARRIERS FOR WIND TURBINES

March 18 - A team of Dutch maritime researchers is working on solutions to avoid collisions between ships and the growing number of offshore wind turbines in the North Sea. According to the team, the risk of a collision is growing rapidly as the number of wind turbines expands and they believe that they have identified several promising "crash barrier" methods to reduce the risks associated with a collision similar to one that occurred earlier this year.

"The accident involving the Julietta D shows the real dangers posed by vessels adrift," says MARIN's Traffic & Safety team leader Yvonne Koldenhof. "Even with current resources, it's difficult to avoid these kinds of incidents."

Koldenhof was referring to a Maltese-flagged bulk carrier, Julietta D, which lost control in a winter storm in the North Sea. The vessel collided with a chemical tanker that was also in the anchorage before drifting into an under construction wind farm where it hit a foundation for a future wind turbine and a transformer platform. Dutch rescuers airlifted the crew off the out-of-control vessel while Vattenfall that was building the farm later released pictures of the dents saying it would possibly have to replace the two damaged foundations.

The Maritime Research Institute Netherlands (MARIN) conducted research for the Dutch government reporting that the risk of a turbine being hit by a ship is increasing by around 1.5 to 2.5 times a year. They noted that the risk is increasingly urgent as some 2,500 wind turbines are set to be installed in the North Sea by 2030. The Maritime Executive / [Read more about the new barriers](#)

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<http://nscs.tamucc.edu/schedule-2020-2021.html>
- USA – MPC, DETROIT - <https://marinepollutioncontrol.com/services/training-and-compliance>
- USA – ALLIANCE OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS PROFESSIONALS - https://www.ahmpnet.org/events/event_list.asp

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Newly added to Upcoming Events page – Australia : Hybrid event – Making the leap from student to young professional – Are you prepared ? April 8; 2022 IOPC Funds Short Course – 27 June to 1 July

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Newly added – Informational Webinar on National Resources Canada’s \$10 million Oil Spill Response Challenge

MESSAGES FROM EVENT ORGANISERS

USA: THE CLEAN WATERWAYS CONFERENCE – APRIL 5-7

The 2022 CLEAN WATERWAYS Conference is taking place on **April 5-7** at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh, PA. CLEAN WATERWAYS brings together all entities involved in a response in the inland environment and gives attendees the opportunity to network and discuss best practices moving forward. Attendees will walk away with new connections and ideas that can be applied directly to their work and the environment their company operates in. This year’s conference offers 10 sessions that will focus on topics such as swift water response, PFAS, contractor management, unmanned aerial systems, including Indigenous/Tribal communities in response planning, response case studies and much more!

[Register for Clean Waterways](#) [View full Conference Agenda](#)

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EUROPE: INTERSPILL DELEGATE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to register to attend this event at RAI Exhibition and Convention Centre, Amsterdam on 21-23 June. There is a form to fill in which will prompt a request for payment for the options you select.

USA: CLEAN PACIFIC CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION: AUGUST 23-24

Now Accepting Reservations for Exhibit Space and Sponsorships for CLEAN PACIFIC 2022

Make an impact on buyers from maritime, facilities, rail, pipeline, governmental agencies and non-governmental organizations with an exhibit space or sponsorship at the 2022 [CLEAN PACIFIC Conference](#). Those who attend CLEAN PACIFIC are looking for new solutions and technologies to help them better prepare or respond to a hazardous spill or environmental emergency in the Pacific Northwest.

Now is the time to secure participation in [CLEAN PACIFIC](#) before your competition beats you to it. Contact Renie Mayfield at 720-289-7008 or rmayfield@accessintel.com to secure your exhibit space or sponsorship.

CANADA: IOSSC DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

IOSSC 2022 will still be a hybrid event, comprising both in-person and virtual sessions. The abstract submission remains open. Abstracts can be [submitted online](#) before June 17, 2022. We continue to welcome your submissions.

CONTRACTS, TENDERS AND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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OTHER OPPORTUNITIES: USA & EUROPE

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New from EMSA - In order to strengthen its response capacity network EMSA announces the launch of a procurement procedure to contract new stand-by oil spill recovery vessel(s) in the following areas:

Lot 1 – Channel and North Sea Lot 2 – Atlantic Middle Lot 3 – Black Sea North [More info](#)

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NEW CONTRACT AWARD - RBS TRITON 10 MICRO SKIMMER - CANADIAN COAST GUARD

March 25 - Aqua-Guard has been awarded a 3rd contract from the Canadian Coast Guard for the supply of up to 16 lightweight RBS TRITON 10 oil skimming systems.

<https://aquaguard.com/news/RBS-TRITON-10-Micro-skimmer-Ordered-by-Canadian-Coast-Guard>

Aqua-Guard Spill Response Inc of Vancouver, Canada has become the Canadian Coast Guard's prime supplier for oil skimming systems ranging from skimming inside vessel's hulls to shorelines, lakes, rivers, harbours and onboard vessels.

Recently, following an international, open and competitive process, Public Services and Procurement Canada, on behalf of the Canadian Coast Guard, has awarded Aqua-Guard Spill Response Inc a contract for the supply of up to sixteen (16) RBS TRITON 10 oil skimming systems.

The new **RBS TRITON 10** oil skimming system is designed to be deployed by a minimum of one personnel to recover spilled oil in sheltered and constrained locations, including within stricken vessels. Each system is fully containerized complete with power pack, pump and all accessories required to operate without logistical support for extended periods of time. The RBS TRITON 10 micro oil skimming system is constructed under ISO 9001:2015 and is 100% designed, manufactured and tested in Canada.

Under the Oceans Protection Plan, the Government of Canada has ensured the Canadian Coast Guard now has the equipment it needs to respond to potential oil spill incidents along our coastlines in a timely and efficient manner with the delivery of over 120 RBS TRITON oil skimming systems.

These skimmers include:

RBS TRITON 10

Recovery capacity: 11.0 m³/h (69 bbl/h)

Weight: < 15 kg (33 lbs)

RBS TRITON 20

Recovery capacity: 20.4 m³/h (128 bbl/h)

Weight: < 30 kg (66 lbs)

RBS TRITON 60

Recovery capacity: 63.0 m³/h (396 bbl/h)

Weight: < 60 kg (132 lbs)

For more information please contact Aqua-Guard sales@aquaguard.com

JOB VACANCIES

USA: BSEE OIL SPILL PREPAREDNESS DIVISION HIRING VACANCY



The BSEE Oil Spill Preparedness Division has published a hiring vacancy for a research position in Sterling, VA. The primary focus of this position is to manage the Bureau's R&D associated with oil spill chemical treatments (i.e., dispersants, herders, and surface washing agents) and advise on their related policies.

The position is advertised as Interdisciplinary (Physical Scientist/General Engineer) at the GS-13 or 14 level using Direct Hiring Authority and will close on 3/31/2022. Interested parties can view and apply to the advertisement on USA Jobs at the following: Announcement: BSEE-EEGG-22-LL-108(DH) [More info](https://www.usajobs.gov/job/643298200)
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NEW PUBLICATIONS

EMSA NEWSLETTER FOR MARCH 2022

March 18 - In this issue: EMSA offers enhanced maritime awareness for operations in Somalia and Libya through agreements signed with EU Naval Missions; Innovative course on the training, examination and certification of seafarers commences within the context of the BCSEA project; Just published: EMSA Academy catalogue of courses; Use of RPAS in maritime surveillance headline topic of European Coast Guard Functions Forum Workshop; Inter-Secretariat cooperation forum meets to discuss pollution prevention and response issues; Discover how EMSA's Integrated Maritime Services support Search and Rescue operations.

A link for downloading the EMSA Newsletter can be found at -

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INCIDENT REPORTS

USA: ALASKA - TUG GOES AGROUND AFTER COLLIDING WITH TOW NEAR SITKA



Above: Western Mariner hard aground with her tow safely anchored in Neva Strait (USCG)

March 21 - A tug went aground north of Sitka, Southeast Alaska on Monday, resulting in a ruptured fuel tank and a sheen on the water, according to the U.S. Coast Guard.

All of the fuel manifolds on board the tug have been secured in order to isolate the ruptured tank, and fuel lightering efforts have begun.

Containment booms have been deployed to reduce the spread of oil, and the barge has been safely anchored in Neva Strait. The tug's owner, Seattle-based Western Towboat, has contracted with Hanson Maritime, SEAPRO, and Global Diving & Salvage for the response. The Maritime Executive / [Read more](#) Related report in [gCaptain](#)

INDIA: IMPROPERLY LOADED CARGO SHIP HEELS OVER IN INDIA LOSING BOXES



Above: *Marintrust 01* lost 28 containers into Kolkata harbor (YouTube)

March 24 - A small containership registered in Bangladesh heeled over and partially sank at India's Kolkata (formerly Calcutta) port on Thursday. Reports said that 18 of the 20-foot containers sunk in the harbor while 10 of the 40-foot containers were floating in the water. A tug came alongside to assist while ropes were attached to secure the floating containers. A spokesman for the shipping company said he did not know the contents of the boxes. The Maritime Executive / [Read more](#) [See video on YouTube](#)

NORTH PACIFIC: MAERSK SHIP LOSES CONTAINERS IN PACIFIC OCEAN

March 24 - A Maersk-operated containership lost around 90 containers in heavy weather this week during an eastbound voyage in the North Pacific Ocean, the company has confirmed.

Some of the containers lost overboard contain dangerous goods such as lithium-ion batteries. About another 100 containers are collapsed or damaged on deck.

The exact position of the cargo loss was not provided. gCaptain / [Read more](#)

AN APOLOGY FROM YOUR EDITOR - TECHNICAL PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED LAST WEEK

I experienced a number of technical problems last week – temporary loss of internet connectivity and some difficulties arising from need to replace outdated software.

Because of these problems this issue of the ISCO Newsletter is shorter than usual and some planned content has not been published.

Hopefully these problems have now been resolved and I will try to catch up with missing news items and reports in the next issue.

Please accept my sincere apologies and thank you for your understanding. John.mcmurtrie@spillcontrol.org

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