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National Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee Member Re-Solicitation

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As a courtesy to our audience, Maritime Commons will provide a notice that may impact a large segment of our readers. To provide a notice. In the notice you will find instructions for using an online docket.

The Office of Merchant Mariner Credentialing is seeking applications for the Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (N-MERP) under the Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee Act of 2018 and will replace the Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee in the Federal Register (85 FR 29467) for application membership positions representing credentialed ratings, the credentialed ratings on the committee.

Applicants who responded to the initial notice do not need to re-apply as detailed in the federal register notice, docket number <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Interested applicants should contact Ms. Megan Johns Henry at megan.c.johns@uscg.mil with any questions or feedback.



Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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URGENT NEED TO PROTECT TECHNOLOGIES AND CONT

The cyber landscape in the Marine Transportation System (MTS) is rapidly changing. While advances in systems and technologies can improve the efficiency of the MTS, they also present a heightened risk of increased threats posed by malicious actors. The willingness to conduct malevolent activity against maritime critical operational technology (OT) assets.

Internet-accessible OT assets are prevalent across maritime critical operational technology (OT) assets. These assets are not designed to defend against current threats and activities, along with the need to protect newer systems and equipment, create opportunities for vulnerability. Maritime operations lends itself to interactions with multiple actors necessitating a continually increasing focus on mitigating cyber threats.

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) has issued [Immediate Actions to Reduce Exposure Across Operational Technologies](#) relevant to the MTS. The maritime sector heavily utilizes the technologies and equipment. The recommendations in it can help reduce cyber risk.

The Coast Guard continues to work with maritime stakeholders to

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D8(dp) Policy Letter 02-20
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Subj: GUIDANCE FOR TOWING VESSELS OPERATING ON RIVERS ROUTES - RULE 27 AND RULE 30 NAVIGATION LIGHTS AND DAY SHAPES

Ref: (a) Title 33 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 83.27
(b) Title 33 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 83.30
(c) Senate Report (Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee) No. 96-979; September 22, 1980

- PURPOSE.** This policy provides additional guidance regarding the navigation lights and day shapes described by Inland Navigation Rules 27 and 30 (references (a) and (b)), and how those requirements apply to towing vessels which operate exclusively on Rivers routes within the Eighth District.
- BACKGROUND.** In December 1980, Public Law 96-591 created a unified set of rules for preventing collisions on the inland waters of the United States (Inland Navigation Rules). Prior to this set of rules, there was a patchwork of seven different sets of rules, which caused confusion for mariners. As described in reference (c), the 1980 Inland Navigation Rules



D8 Towing Vessel Inspections

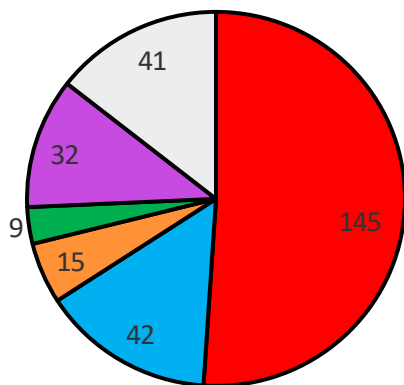
July 2018 – July 2020



Unit	Fleet Size	TSMS COIs	CG COIs	Total COIs	COI Completion % (Goal 50%)
D8	3,691	1,151	337	1,488	40.3%
USCG	5,345	1,483	664	2,147	40.2%

COI Type	C.C.	H-G	LMR	Mobile	NOLA	OHV	UMR
TSMS	21	192	90	56	441	265	86
CG	3	42	18	15	110	76	73
Total	24	234	108	71	551	341	159

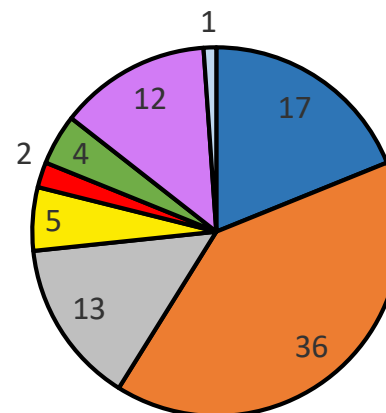
**Total Detentions – 66
14 SMS Related**



Detainable Deficiencies

- Fire Safety
- Struct. Integrity
- Lifesaving
- Poll. Prev.
- Prop/Mach/Nav
- Other

**Major Marine Casualties
25 ITV/21 Other**



Impacted Vessel Types

- Towing Vsl
- Barge
- Deep Draft
- OSV
- SPV
- CFV
- Rec Vsl
- Misc. Vsl



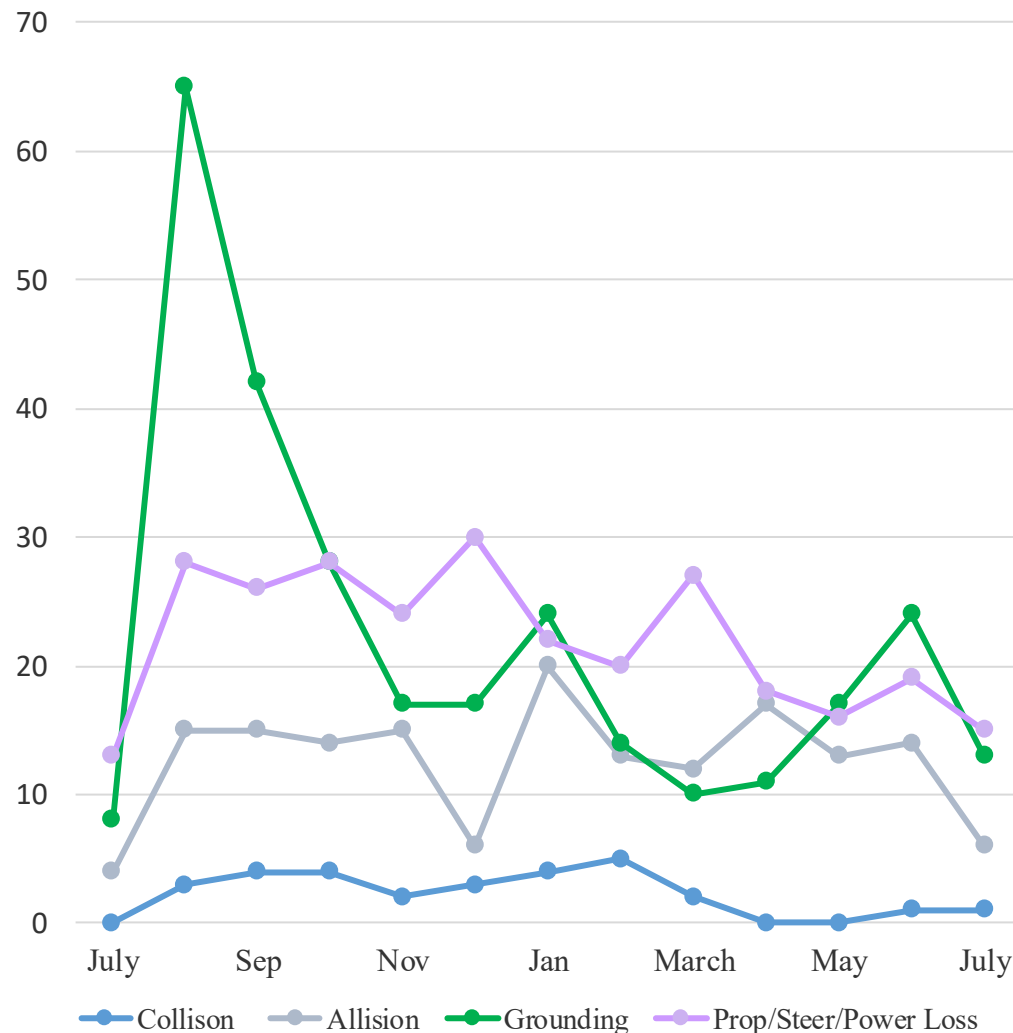
D8 Towing Vessel Casualties

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ITV Casualty Trends (2019-2020)

Vessel Type	Number of Casualties	% of Total
TSMS COI	286	20%
CG COI	40	3%
NO COI	669	47%
ITV	995	70%
Misc. VsIs	430	30%
All VsIs	1425	100%





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