

The major items for discussion for MEPC 41 will begin at 9:30 am and include the following:

- a. Prevention of pollution from offshore oil and gas activities;
- b. Identification and protection of Special Areas and Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas;
- c. Interpretation and amendments of Marpol 73/78 and related Codes;
- d. Follow-up to the Conference on prevention of air pollution from ships;
- e. Harmful aquatic organisms in ballast water;
- f. Harmful effects of the use of antifouling paints for ships;
- g. Promotion of implementation and enforcement of MARPOL and related codes, including the development of an IMO manual on MARPOL—How to enforce it;
- h. Implementation of the Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Cooperation Convention (OPRC), and;
- i. Irradiated Nuclear Fuel Code related matters.

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. For further information or documentation pertaining to the SPMP meeting, contact Lieutenant Commander Ray Perry, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters (G-MSO-4), 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001; Telephone: (202) 267-2714.

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Stephen M. Miller,

Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee.

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[Public Notice No. 2754]

Shipping Coordinating Committee Subcommittee on Safety of Life at Sea Working Group on Radiocommunications and Research and Rescue; Notice of Meeting Cancellation and Rescheduling

The Working Group on Radiocommunications and Search and Rescue of the Subcommittee on Safety of Life at Sea has canceled its open meeting scheduled for 9:30 am on Wednesday, March 18, 1998. A Notice for this meeting was published in the *Federal Register*, 62 FR 28097, May 22, 1997. This meeting has been rescheduled for 9:30 am on Wednesday, April 8, 1998. This meeting will be held in Room 3328 of the Department of Transportation Headquarters Building, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington,

DC 20950. The purpose of this meeting is to review the results of the Third Session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Subcommittee on Radiocommunications and Search and Rescue which took place during the week of February 23, 1998, at the IMO headquarters in London, England.

Further information can be obtained from the Coast Guard Navigation Information Center Internet World Wide Web by entering: "http://www.navcen.uscg.mil/marcomma/imo/imo.htm"

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Interested persons may seek information by writing: Mr. Ronald J. Grandmaison, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Commandant (G-SCT-2), Room 6509, 2100 Second Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20593-0001, by calling: (202) 267-1389, or by sending Internet electronic mail to rgrandmaison@comdt.uscg.mil.

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Shipping Coordinating Committee; Subcommittee on Safety of Life at Sea Working Group on Fire Protection; Notice of Meeting

The U.S. Safety of Life at SEA (SOLAS) Working Group on Fire Protection will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 25th, in Room 6319 at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 2nd Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the outcome of the 42nd Session of the International Maritime Organization's Subcommittee on Fire Protection, held on December 8-12, 1997.

The meeting will focus on proposed amendments to the 1974 SOLAS Convention for the fire safety of commercial vessels. Specific discussion areas include: Ro-ro ferry safety, fire test procedures, proposed restructuring of Chapter II-2, fire extinguishing systems, emergency escape breathing devices, criteria for maximum fire loads, interpretations to chapter II-2, the High Speed Craft Code, role of the human element, and shipboard safety emergency plans.

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. For further information regarding the meeting of the SOLAS Working Group on Fire Protection contact Mr. Bob Markle at (202) 267-1444.

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[Public Notice No. 2756]

Shipping Coordinating Committee International Maritime Organization (IMO) Legal Committee; Notice of Meeting

The U.S. Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, April 2, 1998, in Room 2415 at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. The purpose of this meeting is to prepare for the 77th session of the IMO Legal Committee, which will be held April 20-24, 1998, in London, regarding the provision of financial security for seagoing vessels, compensation for pollution from ships' bunkers, a draft convention on wreck removal, and other matters. This meeting will also be a further opportunity for interested members of the public to express their views on whether the United States should ratify the Hazardous and Noxious Substances Convention, adopted in London in May, 1996.

Members of the public are invited to attend the SHC meeting, up to the seating capacity of the room. For further information, or to submit views concerning the subjects of discussion, write to either Captain Malcolm J. Williams, Jr., or Lieutenant Commander Bruce P. Dalcher, U.S. Coast Guard (G-LMI), 2100 Second Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20593, or by telephone (202) 267-1527, telefax (202) 267-4496.

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