



MONTHLY REPORT for ICS

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NOTE TO THE READER: Reference to the Federal Register may be found at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/browse/collection.action?collectionCode=FR>. Please note new address and format for Federal Register retrieval due to upgrade in US government website.

References to legislation may be found at <http://thomas.loc.gov/> by entering the bill number (HR 802, S 2841) in the "search bill text" block found at the center of the page.

COVID-19 Crew Change Issues- USCG MSIB 04-21

The USCG released Marine Safety Information 04-21 regarding COVID-19 crew changes for US and foreign seafarers. Of particular note, is the USCG email address for questions or assistance with crew changes for both US and International seafarers: COVID-19crewchange@uscg.mil

To view or download the full MSIB, click on the image below.





Revised Mask Wearing Requirement onboard Vessels - MSIB 02-21 Change-1

As you are aware, in response to Executive Order 13998, *Promoting COVID-19 Safety in Domestic and International Travel*, USCG issued MSIB 02-21 providing further context and clarification for vessels.

USCG released a revised MSIB 02-21 on mask wearing requirements. It provides further clarification on mask wearing and includes ports however does not address guidance for vaccinated seafarers on a vessel.

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Legislation Introduced to Create Cabotage Waiver Under the Jones Act for the Alaskan Cruise Season

Senators Murkowski and Sullivan (both from Alaska) have introduced legislation that would waive the Jones Act cabotage requirements for cruise ship operations between the US West Coast and Alaska. The waiver is seen as necessary due to the recently extended ban on large cruise ships in Canadian waters and ports until February 2022. The current requirements require at least one foreign port call for cruise vessels whose voyages begin and end in US ports and with the current Canadian ban, that would not be possible. It remains to be seen how or if this legislation can be moved toward enactment.

This Week In Maritime (TWIM) Industry Forum

The ongoing TWIM forums, previously set up on a weekly, then bi-weekly basis, are now moving to a monthly schedule. For upcoming sessions, please refer to the TWIM website at <https://thisweekinmaritime.com/>