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YACHT SAFETY ADVISORY No. 14-19

To: Yacht Owners/Captains, Managers, Agents, Recognized Class Societies and Appointed Representatives

Subject: NOTICE OF US COAST GUARD PUBLICATION REGARDING MARPOL DEFICIENCIES ON BILGE ALARM SYSTEMS

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The United States Coast Guard (USCG) recently published [Marine Safety Lesson Learned Bulletin 01-19](#) addressing recent deficiencies related to bilge system alarms.

The bulletin was published on 31 July 2019, following the discovery of MARPOL deficiencies aboard multiple vessels related to the 15 ppm Bilge Alarm system of the Oily Water Separator. All the cases involve older model BilgMon 488 monitors which the USCG concluded may experience data storage error due to low battery voltage. IMO Resolution [MEPC.107\(49\)](#), *Revised Guidelines and Specifications for Pollution Prevention Equipment for Machinery Spaces of Ships*, requires the 15 ppm Bilge Alarm to record the date, time, alarm status, and operating status of the 15 ppm Bilge Separator.

This YSA is evaluated annually by the Administrator and expires one year after its issuance or renewal unless otherwise noted, superseded, or revoked.