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Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks.

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Seattle, Wash. (Apr. 12, 2005)--Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River assists a 41-foot fishing vessel, Tronhjem, taking on water. USCG photo by Petty Officer 3rd Corinne Ferguson

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- **Casualty Reports** -Recently released marine casualty reports.
- **IMO/MEPC Meeting Documents** - this site contains the most recent documents published by the International Maritime Organization in preparation for the recent Marine Environment Protection Committee Sessions. Current "hot topics" include Ballast Water Management, Revisions to MARPOL(73/78) and related Codes, Anti-foulant Systems, Particular Sensitive Sea Areas, and Ship Recycling.
- **NVIC's** -Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circulars.
- **MSM's** -Marine Safety Manuals.
- **G-MOC Policy Letters**
- **NMC Policy Letters**
- **Marine Safety Newsletter** -comprehensive source regarding current marine safety news and regulations.
- **Marine Casualty and Pollution Database** -downloadable text files containing data on vessel casualties and pollution incidents investigated by the Coast Guard. Suitable for loading into a database for query and analysis.
- **Mariner License/Document Renewal Guide**
- **MMD Enhanced Security Requirements**
- **Navigation Rules** -International and Inland.
- **NVDC** -National Vessel Documentation Center.
- **OPA-90** -Answers to some of the most common questions concerning the Oil Pollution Act of 1990.
- **Pollution Incidents In and Around U.S. Waters** -compendium of marine pollution data.
- **Proceedings** -Marine Safety Council's Proceedings, The Coast Guard Journal of Safety at Sea.
- **Public Addresses**
- **Puget Sound Cost-Benefit and Technical Appendices**
- **Regulations Information & Publications** -Here you will find documents and other information regarding proposed and final Federal regulations affecting the maritime community.
- **Safety Alerts** -safety alerts and lessons learned from marine casualties.
- **Small Business Regulatory Assistance** -Our goal is to provide important regulatory information to small maritime businesses and encourage participation in the regulatory development process.
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Safety Alerts

Vessel operators and mariners are encouraged to review the following material. These alerts and lessons learned provide information the Coast Guard believes to be important and deserving of their attention.

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Sample Safety Alert

Fire Hazard of Foam Insulation

- On December 1st, 1995 a 50 foot commercial fishing vessel experienced an engine room fire shortly after mooring in Portland, Maine.
- The original source of the fire was determined to be oily rags and other combustible materials stowed near a heat source (hydraulic day tank and wet exhaust assembly).
- The combustion of the oily rags, which probably would have remained a minor fire, was found to have quickly spread to extruded polystyrene insulation that had been installed in the engine compartment to reduce noise in the wheelhouse and berthing areas and reduce ice melt in the fish hold.
- U.S. Coast Guard personnel have recently observed a number of commercial fishing vessels on which extruded polystyrene insulation (rigid board type insulation) had been installed.

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