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- ◆ On October 30, 2001, the U.S. Coast Guard hosted a meeting with various maritime interests to discuss homeland security and defense in the maritime domain. In all, 26 groups were invited to attend, and invitees included SCAA (Note: Dave Usher and Dan Sheehan attended on behalf of SCAA), the American Waterway Operators, INTERCARGO, INTERTANKO, BIMCO, and the International Chamber of Shipping. Essentially, four maritime categories were identified: Shipowners, Port Facilities, Unions, and Service. The main theme of the meeting was an increased vigilance on everyone's part, and the Coast Guard explained the changes in priority of their missions in light of current circumstances. Port security is clearly at the top of their list. Attendees were able to discuss related issues as a group, and SCAA was able to highlight the continued availability of personnel and resources from the private sector to respond to biohazards, hazardous materials, and oil spills. The group will reconvene in the future to ensure that this dialogue continues and that the maritime industry is kept abreast of issues relative to terrorism and maritime security.
- ◆ This week, we are sending out a survey to all of our contractor members and a host of additional emergency response companies across the U.S. regarding their ability to respond to Weapons of Mass Destruction (e.g., biohazards, radioactive materials, hazardous materials). As many of you will recall, we initially conducted this survey in late 1999/early 2000 and used the data we obtained for discussion purposes with various federal agencies. ***As you may know, we are engaged in on-going discussions with various agencies in the federal government on WMD issues, and they are asking us for information of this type. As such, it is extremely important that you complete and return this survey as soon as possible!! If you have not received a survey and would like to complete one, please contact us at 1-313-849-2649 or via-email at [mikes@scaa-spill.org](mailto:mikes@scaa-spill.org) and a copy of the survey will be sent to you immediately.***
- ◆ By now, all of our members in good standing should have received the documents we sent regarding SCAA's Special Edition discussing WMD issues, SCAA's action plan for WMD, and a sample letter that members could use as a template to send a message to their Congressional representatives highlighting the need to include the private sector response community in homeland defense initiatives. ***We encourage all of our members to write their Congressional representatives on this issue, and extend our thanks to all of those who have done so already!***

- ◆ *Business and Industry USA 2002* is a U.S. Department of Commerce Catalog Exhibition, and will take place March 8-26, 2002 in Australia, Singapore, and Vietnam. The event can serve as a showcase for the products and services of U.S. companies, and is intended to generate business leads in Sydney, Melbourne, and Brisbane, Australia; Singapore; and Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. The cost of participation is USD \$450, and all information is due by December 21, 2001. For more information, contact Louis Quay, Project Officer, International Catalog Exhibition Program, telephone 1-202-482-3973, fax 1-202-482-2718, e-mail [louis.quay@mail.doc.gov](mailto:louis.quay@mail.doc.gov)

- ◆ **Congratulations!** to RADM Robert North, former Assistant Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, who has been appointed as advisor to the General Maritime Corporation, owners and operators of 29 aframax and suezmax tankers. RADM North is currently president of North Star Marine, a consulting firm, and he previously led the U.S. delegation to the International Maritime Organization's ("IMO's") Maritime Safety and Marine Environmental Protection Committee. (Source: *Lloyd's List*)
  
- ◆ Alaska's Department of Environmental Conservation has posted a summary of its October 12<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding the development of regulations to implement requirements for oil spill contingency plans for certain non-tank vessels operating in the State's waters. The meeting summary – a three page document - can be found on-line at the following web address: <http://www.state.ak.us/local/akpages/ENV.CONSERV/dspar/nontank/revdocs/mtgsum101201.pdf> The next regulations workshop meeting will be held on November 13 in Anchorage, Alaska. For more information, contact Holly Hill at 1-907-269-7540, or send her e-mail to [Holly\\_Hill@envircon.state.ak.us](mailto:Holly_Hill@envircon.state.ak.us). (Source: *Maritime Items*)
  
- ◆ The Bush Administration is preparing a draft plan intended to aid U.S. insurers affected by the attacks on Washington, DC and New York. The plan could result in the government assuming most of the risk for losses arising out of any future terrorist attacks. Under the proposed "Shared Responsibility Plan", the government would pick up 80% of claims under \$20 billion from any future, officially certified "terrorist attack", and 90% of claims above that figure. The plan would expire after three years, or whenever a more permanent system is implemented. For its part, the insurance industry says it can pay the \$40 billion or so in expected claims resulting from the September 11 attacks, but that it would not be able to support repeated terrorism-related claims – particularly if re-insurers start excluding them from coverage. The Bush Administration's plan differs from a separate industry proposal that instead calls for a government-backed terrorism insurance pool. (Source: *Lloyd's List*)
  
- ◆ The U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Texas recently issued a press release stating that a Houston resident has been indicted for felony violations of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. The individual is charged with conspiracy, violation of a discharge permit, rendering a monitoring device inaccurate, and making false material statements while he was the supervisor of a barge cleaning facility on the San Jacinto River. If convicted, he faces a maximum sentence of 16 years in prison and a fine of \$1.75 million. (Source: *Maritime Items*)
  
- ◆ **Work/Life/Health:** Remember that age isn't always a factor in success or failure, as these examples will show: (1.) George Burns didn't win his first Oscar until age 80. (2.) Golda Meir was 71 when she became Prime Minister of Israel. (3.) Playwright George Bernard Shaw broke his leg after he fell out of a tree he was trimming – at age 96. (4.) Painter Grandma Moses didn't start painting until she was 80 years old. She finished more than 1,500 paintings after that, and 375 of those were completed after age 100. (5.) Michelangelo was 71 when he painted the Sistine Chapel. (6.) Casey Stengel didn't retire from managing the New York Mets until age 75. (7.) S.I. Hayakawa retired as president of San Francisco State University at age 70, and was then elected to the U.S. Senate. (8.) At age 58, Doc Counsilman became the oldest person ever to swim the English Channel. (9.) Physician and humanitarian Albert Schweitzer was still performing operations in his African hospital at age 89. (Source: *For Achievers Only*) **Never give up on your dreams, and never stop doing the things you are passionate about!**
  
- ◆ **Quote of the Week:** "The spirit of self-help is the root of all genuine growth in the individual; and, exhibited in the lives of many, it constitutes the true source of national vigor and strength." - Samuel Smiles (1812-1904), *Self-Help* [1859]