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NEW UNITED STATES COAST GUARD (USCG) BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT REPORT FORM

The USCG has adopted a new format for the US Ballast Water Reporting Form replacing all previous and expired versions. The new Ballast Water Management Reporting Form has two important changes from the most recently expired Reporting Form. They are:

1. The yes/no question “Alternative BW management conducted, per instructions from COTP” has been removed.
2. All vessels are now required to report the date of their last dry dock, information that is critical to the USCG for determining a vessel’s compliance date as specified in 33 CFR 151.1512 & 151.2035.

In light of there being a new Ballast Water Management Reporting Form, the National Ballast Information Clearinghouse (NBIC) will no longer accept expired versions. To fully comply with all USCG ballast water reporting requirements, all vessels must use the new Ballast Water Management Reporting Form, since expired versions lack the required information.

The new Ballast Water Management Reporting Form can be accessed through the NBIC website with links to both pdf and web application reporting at:

https://nbic.si.edu/new_nbic_ballast_water_management_reporting_form/

For report-related questions, Members should contact the National Ballast Information Clearinghouse (NBIC) at:

nbic@ballastreport.org.

For Ballast Water Management program questions, Members should contact the USCG Environmental Standards Division at:

environmental_standards@uscg.mil

Your Managers recommend that Members take note of this information and be guided accordingly.