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**SUBJECT: NEW NBIC BALLAST WATER REPORTING FORM**

The U.S. Coast Guard and the National Ballast Information Clearinghouse (NBIC) have revised the Ballast Water Management Reporting (BWMR) Form, which replaces all previous versions.

The new BWMR Form has the following notable changes:

- 1) Under the section, “*Alternative BW management conducted, per instructions from COTP*”, the yes / no question has been removed.
- 2) In the new form, vessels are now required to report the date the vessel was last drydocked. This information will be used by the Coast Guard to determine the vessel’s Ballast Water Treatment System (BWTS) compliance date as specified in U.S. regulation 33 CFR 151.1512 & 151.2035.

NBIC will no longer accept expired versions of the Reporting Form. The Reporting Form expiration date can be located on the top right side of the BWMR Form. The new form will be stamped on the cover page with “*OMB number 1625-0069, expiration date 31 July 2023*”.

The new BWMR Form can be downloaded from the [NBIC website](#) as a PDF or processed online using the NBIC Web App. At the bottom of page one of the PDF form, there are two boxes where the completed form can be submitted to the NBIC via their email address [nbic@ballastreport.org](mailto:nbic@ballastreport.org) or the NBIC online portal. In order to use the NBIC Internet Web App, the submitter must first establish an account on the NBIC [Web App login page](#). The Web App BWMR form will be connected directly to NBIC via an Internet browser. The advantage of using the Web App is the user will receive immediate confirmation that their submitted report has been received by the NBIC. The user will also have access to their previous reports and the most up to date BWMR form.

In addition to the updated BWMR Form, we recommend each vessel maintain a copy of the [BWMR Form Instructions](#) and the [BWMR Sample Form](#) that are available from NBIC. Upon request, CSI will gladly email you a copy of the latest BWMR Form, Instructions and Sample Form.

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