NTSB RECOMMENDATIONS TO USCG

On 4th February the NTSB reported that it had made the following new safety recommendations to the US Coast Guard:

(a) Determine whether your vessels are inappropriately using loudhailers for sound signaling, and ensure that all Coast Guard vessels use only sound signaling devices that meet auditory standards of international navigation rules. (M-10-4)

(b) Require installation of voyage data recorders that meet the international performance standard on new ferry vessels. (M-10-5)

(c) Require installation of voyage data recorders in ferry vessels built before the enactment of voyage data recorder carriage requirements that will record, at a minimum, the same video, audio, and parametric data specified in the International Maritime Organization’s performance standard for simplified voyage data recorders. (M-10-6)

The NTSB reiterates Safety Recommendation M-05-6 previously issued to the U.S. Coast Guard: Seek legislative authority to require all U.S.-flag ferry operators to implement safety management systems, and once obtained, require all U.S.-flag ferry operators to do so. (M-05-6)