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Subject: Articles for “Blue Waters” Newsletter on Marine Environment Protection

1. The Indian Coast Guard publishes a biannual newsletter, “Blue Waters” in Apr & Sep covering issues related to marine environment protection. This newsletter incorporates valuable contributions and experience of stakeholders for effective response to oil spill incidents. It promotes sharing of knowledge and expertise including technological advancements in the field of marine environment protection for effective preparedness and response to oil and HNS spills. National and worldwide incidents of oil spills are covered in the newsletter for wider awareness and lessons learnt. Marine environment legislation, pollution incidents and issues deliberated at the International Maritime Organization and other international organizations are also included in “Blue Waters”. Previous editions of “Blue Waters” may be accessed on the official website of the Indian Coast Guard at www.indiancoastguard.gov.in.

2. The next edition of “Blue Waters” is due for publication in Apr 2025. Thought provoking contributions are invited for publication on the following subjects:-

- (a) Envisaged growth in maritime sector and marine pollution risk analysis.
- (b) Policy issues concerning oil spill response and way ahead.
- (c) Plastic waste management onboard ship.
- (d) Case study/ research paper analysis on effects of marine pollution on biodiversity.
- (e) Case studies on recent incidents of grounding/ fire entailing risk of oil spill and lessons learnt especially during monsoon season.
- (f) Articles of general interest and events including developments and initiatives for marine environment protection

3. Articles may be e-mailed to dte-fe@indiancoastguard.nic.in by 20 Feb 2025.

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