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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 Marine 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](http://www.indiancoastguard.gov.in)

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

2.1. Whether India shall ratify Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ), High seas treaty.

2.2. Transformation of low carbon emission carrier using alternate fuel and future prospective.

2.3. Converting Sea Line of Communication into freight corridor for better Pollution Response mechanism among member States.

2.4. Cargo management ashore mitigating risk of HNS Spill in ports.

2.5. How significant it is to enact domestic legislation on OPRC, 1990 and OPRC-HNS protocol.

2.6. Any other relevant articles.

3. Articles may be e-mailed to [dte-fe@indiancoastguard.nic.in](mailto:dte-fe@indiancoastguard.nic.in) by 31 Aug 2025. The articles may be examined for proper referencing to obviate copyright issues prior submission.

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