



# National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

## Safety Recommendation

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**In reply refer to:** M-16-4

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On July 8, 2016, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) adopted its report concerning the September 23, 2014, collision of the US Coast Guard cutter *Key Largo* and the fishing vessel *Sea Shepherd*.<sup>1</sup> Additional information about this accident and the resulting recommendation may be found in the brief of the investigation, which can be accessed at our website, [www.nts.gov](http://www.nts.gov), under brief number MAB-16/09.

As a result of this investigation, we issued one new recommendation to the US Coast Guard:

### M-16-4

Address the risks associated with watchstander fatigue by implementing *Commandant Instruction 3500.2, Crew Endurance Management*, issued on March 30, 2006, in all operational units.

Chairman HART, Vice Chairman DINH-ZARR, and Members SUMWALT and WEENER concurred in this recommendation.

The NTSB is vitally interested in this recommendation because it is designed to prevent accidents and save lives. We would appreciate receiving a response from you within 90 days detailing the actions you have taken or intend to take to implement it. When replying, please refer to the safety recommendation by number. We encourage you to submit your response electronically to [correspondence@nts.gov](mailto:correspondence@nts.gov). If it exceeds 10 megabytes, including attachments, please e-mail us at the same address for instructions. Please do not submit both an electronic copy and a hard copy of the same response.

[Original Signed]  
By: Christopher A. Hart,  
Chairman

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<sup>1</sup> Collision between US Coast Guard Cutter Key Largo and Fishing Vessel Sea Shepherd, Virgin Passage near Vieques Island, Puerto Rico, September 23, 2014. Marine Accident Brief NTSB/MAB-16/09. Washington, DC.