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**To:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** FW: FW: TITAN Submersible Status Ref:41954  
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Greetings Team,

Just received this important clarification from BMA and I wanted you to have awareness. Can you also pass to this update to [REDACTED]? I just don't want to email evidence outside DoD network.

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[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 26, 2023 9:54 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [URL Verdict: Neutral][Non-DoD Source] RE: FW: TITAN Submersible Status Ref:41954

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email.

The BMA was approached by OceanGate in 2019 requesting registration of the submersible "Titan" in The Bahamas.

The Bahamas Merchant Shipping (Registration of Submersible Craft) Regulations 1987, as amended, requires that "A register of submersible craft shall be maintained at the offices of the Bahamas Maritime Authority" (Reg.3(1)). Furthermore, such craft are to be designed and constructed in accordance with the MS(Submersible Craft Construction and Survey) Regulations 1981, and operated in accordance with the MS(Submersible Craft Operations) Regulations 1987.

We issued BMA Information Bulletin 159 in March 2016 summarising the above (since superseded by Marine Notice 74), but also stated we would accept submersibles designed and constructed in accordance with IMO MSC/Circ.981 or other similar standards if recommended by one of our Recognised Organisations. Note that we require submersibles to be classed, due to the high risks involved.

Oceangate were advised of the requirements above, but did not provide technical data on the submersible, the standards it was constructed to, if it was surveyed and by whom, if it had any form of safety certificate, etc. and the submersible Titan was therefore NOT registered in The Bahamas.

Hope this assists.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

On Mon, 26 Jun at 11:33 AM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Hello again, any ideas on who might be best to contact in Nassau about licensing of this type of activity?

Thanks,

[REDACTED]



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 25, 2023 4:32 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**C:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: TITAN Submersible Status

Good evening,  
I apologize for the additional email, but we have more information about the submersible and its owner/operator that may be pertinent. According to the company's website, one of the trips that they advertise is the [Bahamas Expedition](#), which appear to be conducted within Bahamas' territorial waters. Is it likely they would be required to be registered with your government to be able to conduct these types of trips?

Respectfully,  
[REDACTED]  
Investigations Division  
Office of Investigations and  
Casualty Analysis  
Commandant (CG-INV-1)  
U.S. Coast Guard  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 24, 2023 11:09 PM  
**T:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** TITAN Submersible Status  
**Importance:** High

Good evening,  
As I am sure you are aware, the United States, Canada, and other countries are beginning to investigate the recent casualty that befell the submersible TITAN that resulted in its destruction the loss of the five persons onboard.

As we are collecting information and details regarding the submersible and the company that owned/operated it, Ocean Gate, information has arisen that indicates it may have been registered in some form or fashion in the Bahamas. Would you be able to check your Administration's records and see if there is any kind of registration for the TITAN or its owner/operator, OCEANGATE INC.?

v/r,  
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Commandant (CG-INV-1)  
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