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## **FMC – Global Regulatory Summit**



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** confirming that the December 17 Global Regulatory Summit in Washington, DC will be attended by international regulators from the People's Republic of China and the European Union. The public is invited to attend the closing remarks at 4:00 p.m. (12/13/13).

## **USCG – award for excellence in marine inspections**



The US Coast Guard issued a policy letter providing guidance for implementation of an annual award for excellence in marine inspection. Each Coast Guard unit with field level marine inspectors may make one award

submission. Nominees should be individuals (not teams) and may be any active duty, civilian, or reserve marine inspector at the O-3 and below rank and GS-12 and below pay grade. The nominee should exemplify the core values and display the traits of an optimal marine inspector. **CG-CVC Policy Letter 13-05** (12/4/13).

### **LA/LB – multi-agency strike force operation**



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that a multi-agency strike force operation was conducted in the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach in an effort to enhance the safe movement of cargo while deterring and detecting contraband. Agencies involved include the Coast Guard, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, the Federal Railroad Administration, the Transportation Security Administration, the California Highway Patrol, the California Public Utilities Commission, the Los Angeles Police Department, the Los Angeles County Fire Department, and the Los Angeles Port Police. (12/13/13).

### **Hawaii – Barking Sands danger zone**



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) promulgated a final rule expanding the boundaries of the danger zone offshore the Pacific Missile Range Facility at Barking Sands, Kauai. The rule comes into effect on 15 January 2014. **78 Fed. Reg. 76060** (December 16, 2013).

### **Access Board – meetings**



The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) will meet in open session on 15 January 2014 in Washington, DC. The various Ad Hoc Committees, including the Passenger Vessel Committee, will meet in closed sessions on 13-14 January. **78 Fed. Reg. 76101** (December 16, 2013).

### **House – bill introduced re LNG exports**



Representative Poe (R-TX) introduced a bill (H.R. 3760) to provide for the expedited approval by the Secretary of Energy of liquefied natural gas exports, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (12/12/13).

## EU – Environment Council meeting



The European Union (EU) issued a **press release** stating that Ministers attending the Environment Council meeting in Brussels extensively discussed the issue of monitoring, reporting, and verification of carbon dioxide emissions from marine transport, as well as challenges presented by invasive alien species. (12/13/13).

## EU – agreement on sea border operations rules



The European Union (EU) issued a **press release** stating that the Permanent Representatives Committee agreed on a proposed Regulation setting out rules on external sea borders operations intended to avoid sea accidents such as the Lampedusa tragedy in October. The goal is to ensure the security of the sea borders and fundamental human rights. (12/13/13).

## ReCAAP – November report



The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre issued its report for **November 2013**. A total of 13 robbery incidents were reported during the period, comprising eleven actual incidents and two attempted incidents. No piracy incidents were reported during the month. (12/13/13). *Note: The difference between piracy and robbery involving a ship is whether the incident occurred outside or inside the twelve nautical mile territorial sea boundary. Perpetrators are seldom concerned with such legal technicalities.*

## New Zealand – yacht temporary entry period extended



The New Zealand Customs Service issued a **news release** stating that the temporary entry period for yachts and small craft visiting New Zealand has been changed from 12 to 24 months, effective immediately. (12/11/13).

## Boston Tea Party – 16 December 1773



On this date in 1773 (240 years ago), American colonists in Boston, calling themselves the Sons of Liberty, boarded several ships moored in the harbor and threw numerous chests of tea into the water. Their cry was: “No taxation without representation!” Some years later, they got representation – followed immediately by taxation and more taxation.

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