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## **USCG – BWMSs using UV radiation**



The US Coast Guard issued a **notice** regarding its consideration of ballast water management systems (BWMSs) using ultraviolet (UV) radiation as a disinfection process. Although the current BWMS approval process does not address systems utilizing UV radiation, the approval process does allow for consideration of proposed alternative approaches. In addition, a UV technical panel is actively engaged in consideration of such processes. (12/13/13).

## **DOS – maritime capacity building in SE Asia**



The Department of State (DOS) issued a **press release** stating that the United States is making available an initial commitment of \$32.5 million in new

regional and bilateral assistance to advance maritime capacity building in Southeast Asia. As part of that commitment, the United States intends to provide up to \$18 million in new assistance to Vietnam to enhance the capacity of coastal patrol units to deploy rapidly for search and rescue, disaster response, and other activities, including the provision of five fast patrol boats to the Vietnamese Coast Guard. The assistance responds to priorities identified by VCG Major General Nguyen Quang Dam and USCG Commandant Admiral Robert J. Papp, Jr. on 1 October 2013. Existing programs include efforts to combat piracy in and around the Malacca Strait. (12/16/13).

### **NOAA – sonar training regulations**



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a **news release** announcing new regulations requiring the US Navy to implement protective measures during sonar training and testing activities off the coasts of California and Hawaii and on the high seas of the Pacific Ocean to reduce potentially adverse effects on marine mammals. (12/16/13).

### **St. Lawrence Seaway – maximum permissible draft reduction**



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SEAWAY SYSTEM

The Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway System issued a **Notice** stating that, effective 22 December, the maximum permissible draft in the Montreal-Lake Ontario section will be reduced to 80.0 dm (26'-3") for all vessels with the exception of inland vessels greater than 185 m in OAL for which the maximum permissible draft will remain at 80.8 dm (26'-6"). (12/16/13).

### **House – bill introduced to amend Homeland Security Act**



Representative McCaul (R-TX) introduced the **National Cybersecurity and Critical Infrastructure Protection Act of 2013** (H.R. 3696) to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make certain improvements regarding cybersecurity and critical infrastructure protection, and for other purposes. (12/11/13).

### **EU – ship recycling regulation adopted**



The European Union (EU) promulgated a regulation on ship recycling. The new regulation is largely, but not completely, consistent with the Hong Kong Convention. Portions of the EU regulation, primarily those regarding carriage of an inventory of hazardous materials, will apply to non-EU ships calling in EU ports. The EU regulation will enter into force on 30 December 2013. Its "Date of Application" will be six months after the combine maximum annual ship

recycling capacity of ship recycling facilities included on the approved list constitutes not less than 2.5 million LDT, but in any event no earlier than 10 December 2015 and no later than 10 December 2018. [Regulation EU No. 1257/2013](#) (12/10/13).

### EC – TEN-T projects



The European Commission (EC) issued a [notice](#) stating that it has launched a call for proposals worth €350 million to finance the European transport infrastructure (TEN-T) projects for all transport modes, including the maritime and inland waterways. Submissions must be received by 11 March 2014. (12/11/13). *Note: This item was brought to my attention by my good friend Louis J. Le Gendre, International Shipping & Logistics.*

### ESA – Arctic sea ice



The European Space Agency (ESA) issued a [news release](#) stating that measurements from the CryoSat satellite show that the volume of Arctic sea ice at its 2013 season low was about 50% higher compared to 2012. While the 9,000 cubic km of sea ice in 2013 is an improvement over the 6,000 cubic km measured in 2012, it remains significantly below the estimated 20,000 cubic km present during the early 1980s. (12/16/13).

### New Zealand – oil & gas discharge management plans



Maritime New Zealand issued a [notice](#) reminding stakeholders that discharge management plans must be submitted for all offshore oil and gas installations, including exploration drilling and production facilities. (12/13/13).

### Arctic Ocean – spurious claims



The Arctic Fox has noticed spurious claims over the waters and/or seabed of the Arctic Ocean being made by various so-called Arctic nations. The Arctic Fox will not publicly shame those nations, but they know who they are. Be aware that I and my fellow Arctic animals laid claim to and occupied the Arctic long before human nations existed. Humans enter our region at our sufferance. Don't abuse our goodwill or assume that we don't have long memories. This issue is addressed at greater length in the [Arctic Animal Manifesto](#) published in the December 2012 edition of [Maritime Reporter & Engineering News](#).

## Holiday greetings



We are fully into the holiday season. I want to take this opportunity to thank the many long-suffering readers who have sent me greetings, either electronically or via snail-mail. And I particularly want to thank the many readers who have sent contributions to help defray the cost of compiling and distributing this newsletter. Please know that your thoughts and efforts have been appreciated and I have renewed your subscriptions for yet another year. For those who failed to send greetings and/or contributions, your subscriptions have been renewed for two years! Be safe and spend more time with your loved ones.

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