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Antarctic – helicopter evacuation of passengers planned; and
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White House – National Maritime Domain Awareness Plan



The White House posted the [National Maritime Domain Awareness Plan](#), which promotes global maritime security and prosperity through improved governance to support the effective understanding of the maritime domain. It is consistent with Presidential Directive 18: Maritime Security and the National Strategy for Maritime Security. (12/30/13). *Note: Interestingly, the cover of the plan includes the picture of a USCG icebreaker.*

St. Lawrence Seaway – vessel refloated



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that the MV Orsula has been refloated, following transfer of some cargo to a barge, and is making way to Montreal with a tug escort. The vessel grounded Christmas Day in the St. Lawrence Seaway near Tibbetts Point, New York. There were no reports of injury or pollution. Salvage was conducted in accordance with the ship's vessel response plan (VRP) and overseen by the Coast Guard. (12/30/13).

Antarctic – helicopter evacuation of passengers planned



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a **media release** stating that attempts to relieve the beset Russian passenger vessel Akademik Shokalskiy by the two icebreaking vessels in the vicinity have been unsuccessful due to heavy ice. Plans now call for removal of the 52 passengers by helicopter, weather permitting. All 22 crew members are expected to remain with the vessel. (12/31/13).

Out with the known, in with the unknown



Just when we were getting adjusted to significant fluctuations in ship values, charter rates, and fuel costs, we are now face to face with 2014. There is a reason that the ancient Romans named the upcoming month January, in honor of their deity **Janus**, the god of gates, doorways, and beginnings. The image of Janus is usually portrayed as looking both forward and backward. Either way, have a safe New Year's Eve and a prosperous New Year – and may your apparent cliffs turn out to be low ledges.

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