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## **USCG – waiver of citizenship requirements for fishing vessel crew**



The US Coast Guard promulgated a rule amending its regulations to include a description of the procedures for requesting and processing waivers of citizenship requirements on commercial fishing vessels. The rule comes into effect on 17 March. [79 Fed. Reg. 8864](#) (February 14, 2014).

## **FMC – Mitsui O.S.K. Lines and affiliate to pay penalty**



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a [news release](#) stating that a compromise agreement has been reached with Mitsui O.S.K. Lines Ltd. and its corporate affiliate Nissan Motor Car Carrier Co. for payment of \$1,275,000 in

penalties to resolve allegations that the companies violated the Shipping Act by acting in concert with other ocean common carriers with respect to the shipment of automobiles and other motorized vehicles by means of agreements that were not filed with the FMC. (2/12/14).

### **DOD – MV Cape Ray arrives in Rota**



The Department of Defense (DOD) issued a [news release](#) stating that the MV Cape Ray has arrived in Rota, Spain en route to aid in the disposal of Syrian chemical materials. When Syria has completed removal of its chemical materials, Cape Ray will proceed to the transloading port in Italy. The chemical materials will be neutralized at sea in international waters using proven hydrolysis technology. The resulting material will be disposed of at commercial facilities ashore. (2/13/14).

### **House – bill introduced re chemical spills**



Representative Capito (R-WV) introduced the [Ensuring Access to Clean Water Act of 2014](#) (H.R. 4024) to protect navigable waters from contamination by chemical storage facilities, and for other purposes. Representative Capito issued a [press release](#) explaining the measure. (2/10/14).

### **House – bill introduced re fishing safety training**



Representative Keating (D-MA) introduced the [Fishing Safety Training and Research Act](#) (H.R. 4025) to amend title 46, United States Code, to reauthorize and amend the Fishing Safety Training Grant Program and the Fishing Safety Research Grant Program, and for other purposes. (2/10/14).

### **Senate – bill introduced re hand-propelled vessels**



Senator Barrasso (R-WY) introduced a bill (S. 2018) to provide for the use of hand-propelled vessels in Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park, and the National Elk Refuge, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (2/12/14).

## Senate – bill introduced re Sea Grant College Program



Senator Schatz (D-HI) introduced a bill (S. 2030) to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (2/12/14).

## GAO – MARAD ship disposal program



The Government Accountability Office (GAO) posted its report on the Maritime Administration (MARAD) ship disposal program. The report notes that MARAD strategic plan for ship disposal was last updated in 2006. It recommends that the plan be updated to reflect the current external environment and risks. [GAO 14-223](#) (2/12/14).

## Washington – environmental study re proposed coal terminal



The Washington Department of Ecology issued a [news release](#) stating that an environmental review for the proposed coal terminal near Longview in Cowlitz County is about to begin. Millennium Bulk Terminals-Longview LLC proposes to build and operate a terminal to export coal from the site of the former Reynolds Aluminum smelter. (2/12/14).

## Singapore – safe navigation stressed



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a circular reminding masters and watchkeeping officers of ships navigating in the Singapore Strait and in Singapore waters of the importance of safe navigation. The waters are relatively narrow and also highly congested. [Port Marine Circular 3-2014](#) (2/13/14).

## Sea Empress grounding & salvage – 15-21 February 1996



On 15 February 1996, the tanker [Sea Empress](#) grounded while entering the port of Milford Haven, spilling approximately 2,500 tons of its cargo of crude oil. The vessel was quickly refloated and anchored in deep water in preparation for lightening some of the remaining cargo. Gale force winds drove the tanker aground again, spilling an additional 69,300 tons of crude oil. The tanker was finally refloated again on 21 February and salvage was completed.

Investigation revealed that the initial grounding was due to pilot error. The subsequent grounding was the result, in part, of insufficient tugs of appropriate power and maneuverability, together with a lack of full understanding of local tidal currents.

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