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Mississippi River – response to collision & oil spill



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that response to the collision and oil spill on the Lower Mississippi River continues. The river has been closed from mile marker 155 to mile marker 130. There are currently 29 vessels in the queue awaiting transit through the area. The incident is under investigation. A [second news release](#) states that the river has been reopened to navigation with restrictions. (2/24/14).

LA/LB – anchorage grounds



The US Coast Guard proposes to disestablish Commercial Anchorage “A” and revise the permit and notification requirements for the anchorage grounds of Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors. Comments on the proposal should be submitted by 27 March. [79 Fed. Reg. 10438](#) (February 25, 2014).

NOAA – free PDF nautical charts



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a **news release** stating that, after a three month trial period, free PDF versions of its nautical charts are being made available to the public on a permanent basis. (2/21/14).

USN – Arctic Roadmap



The US Navy released its updated **Arctic Roadmap 2014-2030**. It is intended to prepare naval forces over the next 15 years for operations in the Arctic Ocean. (2/24/14).

Senate – bill introduced re hand-propelled vessels



Senator Barrasso (R-WY) introduced the **River Paddling Protection Act** (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. (2/12/14).

Senate – bill introduced re Sea Grant College Program



Senator Schatz (D-HI) introduced the **National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act of 2014** (S. 2030) to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes. (2/12/14).

Singapore – enhancement to Marinet system



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a circular stating that the Marinet system will be enhanced, effective 1 April, to provide customers with increased convenience in retrieving financial documents and will offer alternative modes of payment. **Port Marine Circular 4-2014** (2/24/14).

UK – container washes ashore



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued a **press notice** stating that a shipping container washed ashore on the Devon coast. The container is believed to have fallen overboard from the Maersk container ship that lost a number of containers during a storm on 14 February in the Bay of Biscay. Two other containers have been spotted in the English Channel. Maersk is working to recover its containers. (2/23/14). *Note: Unofficial sources indicate that the recovered container held cigarettes.*

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