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DOD – search for Malaysian Airlines Flight 370 continues



The Department of Defense (DOD) issued a **news release** stating that two Arleigh Burke-class destroyers, USS Pinckney (DDG 91) and USS Kidd (DDG 100), continue to assist the Malaysian Government in the search for Malaysian Airlines Flight 370, which disappeared on 8 March on a flight from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing. (3/10/14).

St. Lawrence Seaway – transit restrictions at opening



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SEAWAY SYSTEM

The Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway System issued a notice addressing transit restrictions in the St. Lambert-Iroquois segment of the

Seaway from 28 March until ice conditions improve. [Seaway Notice 2-2014](#) (3/10/14).

NTSB – cruise ship forum



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) issued a notice stating that it will convene a forum on 25-26 March in Washington, DC titled: “Cruise Ships: Examining Safety, Operations, and Oversight”. [79 Fed. Reg. 13682](#) (March 11, 2014).

USCG – NBSAC members sought



The US Coast Guard seeks applications for membership on the National Boating Safety Advisory Council (NBSAC). Applications should be received by 12 May. [79 Fed. Reg. 13664](#) (March 11, 2014).

House – bill introduced re exportation of natural gas



Representative Gardner (R-CO) introduced the [Domestic Prosperity and Global Freedom Act](#) (H.R. 6) to provide for expedited approval of exportation of natural gas to World Trade Organization countries, and for other purposes. Representative Gardner issued a [press release](#) explaining the measure. (3/6/14).

Court – Jones Act emotional damages



The US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit vacated an award of damages to an injured seaman because the damages determination was erroneously based upon emotional anguish resulting from the death of a third party. In the instant case, plaintiff vessel repair supervisor was severely injured in an accident in defendant’s shipyard. Defendant was found liable under the Jones Act. The court ruled that emotional damages resulting purely from another person’s injury, and not a fear of injury to one’s self, are not compensable under the Jones Act. The court also held that the Jones Act covers any worker who qualifies as a seaman, without regard to whether the worker may also qualify for coverage under the Longshore and Harbor Workers Compensation Act (LHWCA).. [Naquin v. Elevating Boats](#), No. 12-31258 (5th Cir., March 10, 2014).

IMO – disembarkation of persons rescued at sea



The IMO issued a [news release](#) stating that it participated in the UNHCR/Indonesia-chaired meeting in Bangkok on “Mapping Disembarkation Options: Strengthening Cooperation in Managing Irregular Movements by Sea”. (3/10/14).

ReCAAP – three armed robbery incidents



The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre issued an alert stating that three incidents of armed robbery onboard ships were reported in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore on 6 and 10 March. In all three incidents, robbers armed with knives boarded the underway vessels at night. In two of the incidents, the robbers fled without stealing anything. In the third incident, the robbers stole some engine spares. The crews were not injured in any of the incidents. [Incident Alert 01/2014](#) (3/10/14).

UK – crew rescued from sinking vessel



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued a [press notice](#) stating that the six crew members of the 187 meter cargo vessel Sea Breeze abandoned ship after the vessel started taking on water twelve miles east of the Lizard. Five crew members are safely ashore, while the master transferred to another vessel to help with the salvage operation. (3/9/14).

Japanese earthquake & tsunami – 11 March 2011



On 11 March 2011, at 1446 JST, a magnitude 9.0 earthquake occurred beneath the seafloor in the Pacific Ocean 70 kilometers east of the Oshika Peninsula of Tohoku Prefecture on the main Japanese island of Honshu. It was the most powerful earthquake to hit Japan in modern times, moving the island 2.4 meters east and shifting the entire planet on its axis by about 15 centimeters. The earthquake triggered a tsunami that reached heights of up to 40 meters when it struck shore. The event resulted in over 15,000 deaths, numerous injuries, and massive property damage. Most dramatic, it set off a chain of events that resulted in a significant radiation leak at a nuclear

power plant. Much debris floated out to sea and has been gradually coming ashore at points throughout the North Pacific region.

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