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FMC – G6 Alliance Agreement amendment cleared



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** stating that it concluded a comprehensive review of the proposed amendment to the G6 Alliance Agreement and cleared the amended agreement to become effective as scheduled on 4 April. (4/2/14).

USCG – NOAD Schema 3.4 update



The USCG National Vessel Movement Center (NVMC) issued a **notice** stating that an additional change to NOAD Schema 3.4 involves the new element VRP_TYPE used to indicate the type of oil spill response plan the vessel has, if

any. If provided, acceptable values for element are TANK or NONTANK.
(3/31/14).

Hampton Roads – Towing Vessel Safety Seminar



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that the 15th annual Towing Vessel Safety Seminar will be conducted in Virginia Beach, Virginia on 3 April, sponsored by the Coast Guard and the Virginia Maritime Association.
(4/2/14).

OFAC – Iran sanctions enforcement



The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) issued a **notice** stating that Sea Tel Inc. of Concord, California has agreed to pay \$85,113 to settle potential civil liability for apparent violations of the Iranian Transactions and Sanctions Regulations. Sea Tel invoiced its distributor in South Korea for 16 orders of marine antenna systems, with a total value of \$378,281 and exported the antenna systems to its distributor with knowledge or reason to know that they were intended specifically for reexportation, directly or indirectly, to Iran. (4/2/14).

BSEE – spill response research



The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) issued a **press release** stating that it is investing up to \$600,000 for targeted oil spill response research in drift ice conditions. (4/2/14).

NOAA – wreck of USCS Robert J. Walker



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a **news release** stating that the wreck of the Coast Survey ship USCS Robert J. Walker has been added to the National Register of Historic Places. The Walker sank in the North Atlantic on 21 June 1860 off Absecon Inlet, New Jersey following a collision with a commercial schooner. Of the crew of 66, twenty-one men died in the casualty. The wreck's location and identity were confirmed last year. (4/2/14).

House – Coast Guard Authorization Act passes



The House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure issued a [news release](#) stating that the House approved bipartisan legislation ([H.R. 4005](#)) that authorizes the US Coast Guard to carry out its vital mission, improve its effectiveness, replace and modernize aging assets, enhance oversight, and reduce inefficiencies. Representative Miller (R-MI), chair of the House Committee on Homeland Security, issued a [news release](#) applauding House passage of the Coast Guard Authorization Act. (4/2/14).

House – bill introduced to repeal crude oil export ban



Representative McCaul (R-TX) introduced a bill (H.R. 4349) to repeal the crude oil export ban under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Representative McCaul issued a [press release](#) explaining the measure. (4/1/14)/

EC – European shipping industry



The European Commission (EC) posted the [speech](#) delivered by Siim Kallas, Vice President of the European Commission, on the prospects and challenges of the European shipping industry. (4/2/14).

Ireland – carriage of electronic nautical publications



The Irish Department of Transport, Tourism, and Sport issued a notice stating that it accepts the UK Hydrographic Office suite of Admiralty Digital Publications (ADP) and the UKHO's suite of e-NPs as satisfying the carriage requirements for nautical publications contained in those suites. [Marine Notice 26-2014](#) (4/1/14).

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