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Korea – USS Bonhomme Richard completes SAR mission



The US Navy issued a [news release](#) stating that USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) has resumed normal operations, having been released by the South Korean commanders from its work in assisting with the search and rescue operations near the site of the Korean passenger ferry Sewol. (4/22/14).

DOT – transportation infrastructure projects



The Department of Transportation (DOT) issued a notice stating that it has prepared a [list](#) of federal environmental statutes, regulations, and Executive Orders that establish requirements applicable to the development and review of transportation infrastructure projects. [79 Fed. Reg. 22756](#) (April 23, 2014).

MARAD – ex-USNS Comet



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) seeks comments on its plan to dispose of an obsolete vessel, the ex-USNS Comet, in accordance with the historic preservation review process. Comments should be submitted by 22 July. **79 Fed. Reg. 22758** (April 23, 2014).

USCG – air draft reminder



USCG Sector New York issued a bulletin stating that the Bayonne Bridge has been struck twice within the past four months by ships with a greater air draft than provided for by the bridge. Masters are reminded to carefully calculate the air draft of their vessels prior to each passage under a height-restricted structure and to provide that information to the pilot and the ship's agent. **MSIB 01-14** (4/18/14).

USCG – NOAD Schema 3.4



The USCG National Vessel Movement Center (NVMC) issued a **notice** stating that Notice of Arrival and Departure (NOAD) Schema 3.4 has been released, incorporating improvements in vessel response plan data reporting. NOAD Schema 3.2 has been retired and will no longer be accepted for submission. (4/22/14).

TSA – TWIC card services



The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) issued a **notice** stating that certain Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) card services will be temporarily unavailable while TSA upgrades its technology. Card replacements and Extended Expiration Date (EED) TWIC are unavailable through 4 May. Card pick-up, activation, and personal identification number (PIN) resets will be unavailable from 26 April through 4 May. (4/22/14).

Great Lakes – international cargo shipping service



GREAT LAKES-ST. LAWRENCE
SEAWAY SYSTEM

The Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway System issued a **news release** stating that the Express Ocean Freight Service has been launched between Cleveland and Antwerp. This represents the first regularly scheduled international cargo shipping service to a US port on the Great Lakes in decades. (4/22/14).

California – Sustainable Freight Transport Initiative



The California Air Resources Board (ARB) will host a **public forum** for development a Sustainable Freight Transport Initiative on 5 May in Sacramento. The goals of the strategy include: moving goods more efficiently and with fewer emissions; transiting to cleaner energy sources; providing reliable velocity and expanded capacity; integrating with national and international freight transportation systems; and supporting healthy, livable communities. (4/21/14).

EC – maritime cabotage



The European Commission (EC) issued a **press release** providing updated guidance on maritime cabotage. A **second press release** includes Q&A on the issue. (4/22/14).

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