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USCG - NOSAC members sought

The US Coast Guard seeks applications for membership on the National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee (NOSAC). Applications should be received by 14 July. 79 Fed. Reg. 27630 (May 14, 2014).

NFAC - webinar meeting

The National Freight Advisory Committee (NFAC), sponsored by the Department of Transportation (DOT), will conduct a webinar meeting on 29 May to finalize recommendations for the Department to consider in its development of the National Freight Strategic Plan. 79 Fed. Reg. 27675 (May 14, 2014).

San Francisco Bay - eATON being tested

The US Coast Guard issued a news release stating that it is now testing 25 electronic aids to navigation (eATON) to augment existing physical aids and mark unique and potentially hazardous navigation features in the San Francisco Bay area. (5/13/14).

Boston – renovation of Boston Light

The US Coast Guard issued a news release announcing plans for the 2016 tricentennial of Boston Light, the first lighthouse established in what is now the United States. The plans include a \$1.1 million project to repair and renovate structures at the National Historic Landmark, which is the last remaining manned lighthouse in the US. (5/13/14).

Jacksonville – ICTF funded by TIGER grant

The Department of Transportation (DOT) issued a news release stating that ground has been broken on the Intermodal Container Transfer Facility (ICTF) at the Port of Jacksonville. The project was funded in part by a \$10 million TIGER grant. (5/13/14).

<u>FMC – ro-pax ferry christening</u>

The Federal Maritime Commission posted the remarks of Commissioner Doyle at the christening of the ro-pax ferry NOVA STAR. The vessel will operate between Yarmouth, Nova Scotia and Portland, Maine, carrying both passengers and vehicles, including tractor-trailers, reducing highway congestion. (5/13/14).

NOAA – iconic Civil War-era steamer

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a news release stating that it has determined the probable location of the Civil War-era side-wheel steamer Planter, which gained national fame in 1862 when a group of enslaved African Americans commandeered the Confederate Navy transport vessel in a daring escape to freedom. On 25 March 1876, Planter sprung a leak and was grounded off Cape Romain, South Carolina. (5/13/14).

EC - European Maritime Day 2014

The European Commission (EC) issued a press release stating that European Maritime Day 2014 will be celebrated in Bremen on 18 May. (5/13/14).

Canada – world-class tanker safety system

The Government of Canada issued a news release announcing new measures that, once implemented, will achieve a world-class tanker safety system in Canada. The measures include, among other things, a modernization of Canada's navigation system, improved area response planning, and an enhanced liability and compensation regime. (5/13/14).

UK – National strategy for maritime security

The UK Department for Transport (DfT) posted the "National strategy for maritime security". The strategy outlines the UK's approach to delivering maritime security at home and internationally, setting out how the UK organizes and uses its extensive national capabilities to identify, assess, and address maritime security challenges. (5/13/14).

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