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MARAD – honoring the US Merchant Marine



The Department of Transportation (DOT) issued a [news release](#) stating that, on Memorial Day, Acting Maritime Administrator Paul “Chip” Jaenichen escorted two World War II Merchant Marine veterans, VADM Bob Scarborough, USCG (ret) and Mr. Jack Krogmann, who presented a wreath at the National

World War II Memorial to recognize the service of the US Merchant Marine. (5/27/14).

CSB – meeting re Macondo well incident



The Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB) will hold a public meeting on 5 June in Houston to consider and vote on the executive summary and first two volumes of the CSB report into the 20 April 2010 blowout of the Macondo well in the Gulf of Mexico. [79 Fed. Reg. 30540](#) (May 28, 2014).

Offshore New York – intent to prepare EA



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) issued a notice stating that it intends to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) regarding potential commercial wind power lease issuance and site assessment activities on the outer continental shelf (OCS) offshore New York. Comments should be submitted by 14 July. [79 Fed. Reg. 30643](#) (May 28, 2014).

Offshore New York – call for nominations



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) issued a notice inviting submissions of nominations from parties interested in obtaining one or more commercial leases for construction of wind energy projects on the outer continental shelf (OCS) offshore New York. Submissions should be received by 14 July. [79 Fed. Reg. 30645](#) (May 28, 2014). The BOEM issued a [press release](#) further explaining the initiative.

California – emissions from mobile cargo handling equipment



The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a notice stating that it received an application from the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to authorize amendments to its Mobile Cargo Handling Equipment at Ports and Intermodal Rail yards regulation. The EPA has tentatively scheduled a public hearing on 19 June on Washington, DC on this application, but will only hold the hearing if any party notifies the EPA by 9 June to express interest in presenting oral testimony. Written comments should be submitted by 21 July. [79 Fed. Reg. 30608](#) (May 28, 2014).

PHMSA & OSHA – transport of dangerous goods



The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) issued a notice stating that it and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) will hold public meetings on 11 June in

Washington, DC regarding the transport of dangerous goods. The PHMSA meeting is to prepare for the upcoming session of the United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods. The OSHA meeting is to prepare for the upcoming session of the United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals. [79 Fed. Reg. 30689](#) (May 28, 2014).

DOE – authorization to export LNG



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a notice that it recently issued orders granting authority to various applicants to import and export natural gas, import and export liquefied natural gas (LNG), and to vacate prior authority. [79 Fed. Reg. 30596](#) (May 28, 2014).

Marina del Rey Harbor – anchorage regulations



The US Coast Guard proposes to disestablish the special anchorage are at the north end of the main channel in Marina del Rey Harbor, California. Comments on the proposal should be submitted by 27 June. [79 Fed. Reg. 30509](#) (May 28, 2014).

USCG – CSR reminder



The US Coast Guard issued a Marine Safety Information Bulletin reminding owners and operators of US-flag vessels engaged on international voyages of the importance of compliance with Continuous Synopsis Record (CSR) requirements, which apply to all passenger ships and to all cargo ships of 500 gross tons and above engaged on international voyages. [MSIB 007-14](#) (5/27/14).

USCG – Incident Management Handbook



The US Coast Guard issued a message announcing release of the third edition of the USCG Incident Management Handbook (CG-IMH), COMDTPUB P3120.17B. [ALCOAST 231/14](#) (5/23/14). *Note: This publication has yet to be made publically available.*

St. Lawrence Seaway – vessel disabled



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that a foreign freighter anchored in the Saint Lawrence Seaway after losing power near the

Thousand Island Bridge. There have been no reports of injury or pollution. The incident is under investigation. (5/27/14).

USCG – hurricane contingency plans



As we approach the beginning of the 2014 hurricane season, I have updated my list of US Coast Guard **Hurricane & Heavy Weather Contingency Plans**. This version includes the latest revisions to the plans for Sector Baltimore and COTP Zone Savannah. If any reader learns of a more recent version of such a contingency plan for any USCG Sector, please advise so that my list can be kept current. (5/27/14). *Note: The revised plan for Savannah was brought to my attention by my good friend Tom Wright of the Savannah Maritime Association.*

New York – \$1.1 million to replace diesel engines



The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a **news release** stating that it awarded grants totaling \$1.1 million to replace the old diesel engines on tugs and supply boats operating out of New York Harbor, reducing air emissions for the vicinity. (5/27/14).

DOJ – former MSC official indicted



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a **news release** stating that a former contracting official with the Military Sealift Command (MSC) and a businessman have been indicted on charges of conspiracy and bribery in connection with MSC telecommunications projects. (5/27/14).

IMO – mandatory weighing of containers



The Danish Maritime Authority issued a **news release** stating that at its recent session the IMO's Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) approved amendments to the SOLAS Convention requiring that the weight of containers be determined prior to loading. Determination of weight may be done either by weighing the loaded container at an approved weighing station or by ensuring that the individual elements of the container are weighed and added to the container's own weight. It is expected that the new regulations will be adopted at the next session of the MSC to be held in the autumn. (5/26/14).

South China Sea – oil exploration



The Maritime Safety Administration of the People's Republic of China (PRC) issued a **Navigational Warning** stating that China Oilfield Services Limited (COSL) completed the first phase of oil drilling and exploration off Zhongjian Island of the country's Xisha Islands in the South China Sea on 27 May. The exploration operation has moved to another site for its second phase work. Vessels in the vicinity should keep a sharp lookout and navigate with caution. (5/27/14). *Note: The Xisha Islands are more commonly referred to as the Paracel Islands. Jurisdiction over these islands and the surrounding waters and continental shelf is disputed between Vietnam, the PRC, and the Republic of China (Taiwan).*

Panama Canal – pilot platforms and shelters



The Panama Canal Authority issued an advisory notifying owners, operators, and masters of the requirement for pilot platforms and shelters on vessels of 700 feet (213.36 m) in length and over. **Advisory 12-2014** (5/23/14).

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