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St. Lawrence Seaway – reopened to vessel traffic



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that vessel traffic on the St. Lawrence Seaway remains suspended while efforts to continue to refloat the freighter Federal Kivalina, which lost power and grounded near the Thousand Island Bridge. A **second news release** states that the vessel has been refloated and moved and that the Seaway has been reopened. The incident is under investigation. (5/29/14).

Gulf of Mexico – MSIB re heavy weather



With the arrival of the 2014 hurricane season next week, the Eighth Coast Guard District issued a Marine Safety Information Bulletin (**MSIB**) for the

Gulf of Mexico OCS. Effective immediately, operators of all manned facilities and MODUs are requested to report to the District Office when personnel, who otherwise intended to evacuate the unit due to approaching heavy weather have been stranded on board and are not able to evacuate due to extreme circumstances. Reports should include the location of the facility or MODU, the number of personnel to be left on board, and the means for communicating with the facility or MODU. (5/28/14).

USCG – hearing re Texas City Y collision



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that, working with the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), it will begin a formal hearing on Galveston on 2 June to receive testimony regarding the 22 March Texas City Y collision in the Houston Ship Channel between the Summer Wind and the Miss Susan that resulted in the discharge of 168,000 gallons of fuel oil. The hearing is scheduled to continue daily through 6 June. (5/28/14).

USCG – NOAD Notice Tracking



The USCG National Vessel Movement Center (NVMC) issued a **notice** stating that the NOAD Notice Tracking feature is tentatively scheduled to move from the NVMC homepage to the Developer subsite on 10 June. Following the move, users who wish to use that feature to check on the status of a Notice of Arrival (NOA) must have a Developer account and be signed into the Developer subsite. (5/29/14).

USCG – Marine Safety Engineering Newsletter



The US Coast Guard posted the Spring 2014 edition of the Marine Safety Engineering Newsletter. This edition highlights recent developments including structural failures aboard deep draft vessels and the expansion of OSV operations in the Gulf of Mexico. (5/29/14).

CTAC – working group meeting



The LNG (Fuel) Working Group of the **Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee** (CTAC), sponsored by the US Coast Guard, will hold its next meeting at the June 24-25, 2014 at the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce - Hadlow Board Room, 3 Independent Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32202. These meetings will commence at 0800 and adjourn at 1600. (5/28/14).

SanSail – Declaration of Inspection re LNG bunkering



With assistance from a colleague at the **SanSail Group**, I have developed a proposed **Declaration of Inspection** (DOI) for use during LNG bunkering operations. It is based on the DOI mandated for use by the US Coast Guard during regular bunkering, with changes to reflect the unique issues involved in the use of liquefied natural gas (LNG) as a marine fuel. Comments and suggestions regarding this DOI are solicited. (5/29/14).

DOE – proposed changes to LNG export decision-making



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a **notice** stating that it seeks comments on its proposal to change the LNG export decision-making procedures by removing the intermediate step of conditional decisions and setting the order of DOE decision-making based on readiness for final action. (5/29/14).

New Zealand – consultation re Supplementary Fund



Maritime New Zealand issued a **notice** stating that a consultation has opened seeking feedback on a proposal that New Zealand accede to the Supplementary Fund Protocol, 2003, which would give New Zealand access to compensation from that fund in the event of a major marine oil spill from an oil tanker. This would increase the maximum available compensation from \$377 million to \$1.392 billion. Submissions must be received by 27 June. (5/29/14).

Singapore – safety of navigation



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a **news release** stating that it conducted an investigation of three recent collisions that occurred this year in Singapore port waters and the Singapore Strait that resulted in oil spills. The common elements in these collisions were human error and poor judgment of the situation. There was a lack of situational awareness by the bridge teams, including the pilots. The report recommended, among other things, that the MPA work with the industry to develop an integrated safety management framework. (5/29/14).

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