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Oakland – Future of Navigation listening session



The US Coast Guard, the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), as part of the **Future of Navigation Initiative**, are holding nationwide public discussions on navigational aid technology and how it will affect the future of America's waterways. The next listening session will be held in Northern California at the Oakland Marriott at 6:00 pm on 10 June. (6/9/14).

USCG – NTVRP interim authorization



The US Coast Guard issued a Marine Safety Information Bulletin reminding stakeholders that the interim authorization for nontank vessel response plans (NTVRPs) expires on 31 July 2014. **MSIB 08-2014** (6/9/14).

MARAD – fishing vessel documentation



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) proposes to amend its regulations relating to documentation of certain commercial fishing industry vessels of 100 feet or greater in registered length. Comments on the proposal must be received by 11 August. [79 Fed. Reg. 33160](#) (June 10, 2014).

FMC – meeting



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a notice stating that the Commissioners will meet in Washington, DC on 18 June. During the open session, they will receive a briefing by US harbor trucking representatives on trucking trends and conditions. During the closed session, they will receive a briefing on economic and trade conditions. [79 Fed. Reg. 33194](#) (June 10, 2014).

EC – maritime security challenges



The European Commission (EC) posted the [speech](#) delivered by Maria Damanaki, European Commissioner for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries regarding maritime security challenges facing the European Union. (6/6/14).

ReCAAP – tanker hijacking update



The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre issued an [Incident Update](#) regarding the product tanker Orapin 4, which went missing 29 May while transiting from Singapore to Pontianak, Indonesia. The tanker arrived at Srirachi, Thailand on 1 June. The crew was safe but reported that the tanker had been boarded by 10 pirates who tied them up, destroyed the communications equipment, and transferred 3,700 metric tonnes of the cargo of automotive diesel fuel to another tanker before releasing them. (6/9/14).

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