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USCG – Tall Ship Bounty ROI



The US Coast Guard released the **Report of Investigation** (ROI) into the sinking of the Tall Ship Bounty in the North Atlantic in October 2012 with the loss of two lives. The ROI concludes that a combination of faulty management and crew risk assessment procedures contributed to the sinking. Specifically, choosing to navigate a vessel in insufficient material condition in close proximity to an approaching hurricane with an inexperienced crew was highlighted. (6/12/14).

PHMSA – special permit request



The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) issued a notice stating that it has been notified by Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and the Department of State (DOS) that an operation is underway to eliminate Syria's chemical weapons program, including the removal of 19 different chemicals from Syria used as precursors to

chemical weapons. Five of these chemicals are bound for Port Arthur, Texas, where they will be destroyed and disposed (the “operation”). These five chemicals have been/are to be transported to a Norwegian sovereign immune cargo vessel, which is ultimately bound for Port Arthur. There are no explosives or munitions associated with the chemicals, and these chemicals have not been assembled into weapons or mixed for weapons purposes. OPCW informed PHMSA that these five chemicals are being shipped in sixteen 20-ft ISO maritime shipping containers in various packagings. However, due to incomplete information from international officials and questions about loading, PHMSA cannot confirm that the UN packagings containing the chemicals are compliant with the Hazardous Materials Regulations, 49 CFR Parts 171-180 (HMR). Due to the lack of compliance assurance with the HMR, the shipper has requested a special permit (SP) from PHMSA. A draft environmental assessment (EA) has been prepared. Comments on the draft EA should be submitted by 23 June. [79 Fed. Reg. 33802](#) (June 13, 2014). *Note: This item was brought to my attention by my good friend Jerry Crooks of [Shell Trading US Co.](#)*

PWS – double hull tanker escort



The US Coast Guard promulgated a final rule requiring that double hull tankers navigating waters of Prince William Sound (PWS) be escorted by two tugs. The regulation comes into effect on 14 July. [79 Fed. Reg. 3384](#) (June 13, 2014).

USCG – CIRCAC recertification



The US Coast Guard seeks comments on the application for recertification of the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens’ Advisory Council (CIRCAC). [79 Fed. Reg. 33930](#) (June 13, 2014).

ITC – marine sonar imaging devices



The International Trade Commission (ITC) issued a notice stating that it has received a complaint regarding certain marine sonar imaging devices. Comments on the complaint should be submitted within eight calendar days. [79 Fed. Reg. 33949](#) (June 13, 2014).

NOAA – marine sanctuary nomination



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a rule re-establishing the process for nomination of areas of the marine and Great

Lakes environment as national marine sanctuaries. The rule comes into effect on 14 July. [79 Fed. Reg. 33851](#) (June 13, 2014).

USCG – conditions of entry re Nigeria



The US Coast Guard issued a Port Security Advisory stating that, effective 26 June, it will impose conditions of entry for vessels arriving in the United States from Nigeria, with the exception of certain ports, during their last five port calls. In summary, each affected vessel must: (1) implement the Security Level 2 measures from its ship security plan while in a port of either country; (2) ensure that each access point is guarded and that guards have total visibility of the exterior of the vessel while in a port of either country; (3) attempt to execute a Declaration of Security while in a port of either country; (4) log all security actions; and (5) report actions taken to the pertinent USCG Captain of the Port [COTP] prior to arrival in the US. [Port Security Advisory 2-14](#) (6/12/14).

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