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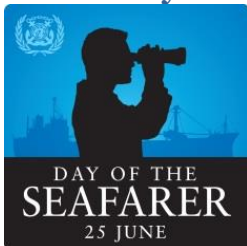
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IMO – Day of the Seafarer 2014



The IMO issued a [news release](#) stating that 25 June is celebrated globally as the Day of the Seafarer 2014. This year's theme is "Seafarers brought me . . ." - recognizing the hard work and high degree of responsibility of seafarers in keeping the global economy afloat. (6/18/14).

USCG – 2014 Arctic priorities



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) outlining the service's 2014 Arctic priorities. These priorities, which include recapitalization of a polar icebreaker, are built around three strategic objectives: improve awareness, modernize governance, and broaden partnerships in the Arctic region. (6/18/14).

USCG – inspection of MSP vessels



The US Coast Guard seeks comments on proposed changes to its Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC) 01-13 regarding inspection and certification of vessels under the Maritime Security Program (MSP). Comments on [amendments to NVIC 01-13](#) should be submitted by 18 August. [79 Fed. Reg. 35177](#) (June 19, 2014).

York River – danger zone



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is establishing a danger zone in waters of the York River off Cheatham Annex in York County, Virginia. The regulation comes into effect on 21 July. [79 Fed. Reg. 35049](#) (June 19, 2014).

House – Maintaining Coast Guard Readiness



The Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure conducted an [oversight hearing](#) on Maintaining Coast Guard Readiness. [VADM Charles Michel](#), USCG testified about how the Coast Guard supports mission readiness through recapitalization of assets. [Ms. Michele Mackin](#), GAO, testified that better information is needed on performance and funding to address acquisition shortfalls. [Mr. Ronald O'Rourke](#), Congressional Research Service, testified on issues related to Coast Guard acquisition funding and acquisition programs which will affect future Coast Guard readiness. [Mr. James Offutt](#), Navy League, testified concerning the growing capability gap resulting from inadequate appropriations for the Coast Guard. (6/18/14). Note: The Government Accountability Office (GAO) issued a more extensive [report](#) on this issue.

CRS – USCG polar icebreaker modernization



The Congressional Research Service (CRS) issued its report on Coast Guard polar icebreaker modernization. Without making any recommendations, the report discusses a number of issues for Congress, including the number and

capabilities that the Coast Guard will need in the future; the timeline for acquisition of a new polar icebreaker; and the disposition of the USCG icebreaker Polar Sea, currently in commissioned, inactive status. [RL34391](#) (6/5/14).

New York – electric canal boat



New York Governor Andrew Cuomo issued a [news release](#) announcing the launch of an all-electric dredge tender work boat on the Erie Canal in the Utica area. The project will help determine how best to transition the State's work boat fleet to a cleaner propulsion system. (6/17/14).

Paris MOU – targeting lists



The Paris MOU posted its new [performance lists](#) for flag states and recognized organizations, also called the “White-Grey-Black Lists”. The performance lists will be used for targeting port state control inspections, with effect from 1 July. (6/16/14).

ReCAAP – product tanker hijacked



The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre issued an [Incident Alert](#) stating that the product tanker Ai Maru, en route from Singapore to the Gulf of Thailand was boarded by robbers on 14 June. An [Update](#) states that the robbers stole approximately 620 metric tonnes of MGO before fleeing. The crew was unharmed. (6/17/14).

Canada – Enbridge Northern Gateway Project



The Enbridge Northern Gateway Project Joint Review Panel of the Canadian National Energy Board (NEB) and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency issued a [Decision Statement](#) conditionally approving the construction and operation of a terminal at Kitimat, British Columbia and two pipelines between Bruderheim, Alberta and Kitimat. Additional information regarding the [Enbridge Northern Gateway Project](#) is provided in a [news release](#) from Natural Resources Canada. (6/17/14).

UK – crewman lost overboard



The UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) issued the report of its investigation into the crewman lost overboard from the general cargo vessel Sea Melody in Groveport, River Trent on 18 December 2013. He was pulled overboard from the forward mooring area when his foot became caught in the bight of a mooring rope as the vessel was shifting berth. Investigation

established that the crewman was unsupervised at the time; that the crew had not been briefed before the operation began; and that there was a breakdown in communication between the shore linesmen and the crew. [Report 16/2014](#) (6/18/14).

UK – port freight statistics



The UK Department for Transport posted the [Port Freight Statistics](#) for the quarter ending 31 March 2014. Freight through UK ports generally increased by 1% over that seen during the same quarter in 2013. (6/18/14).

UK – National Naval Memorial



The UK Government issued a [news release](#) stating that the National Naval Memorial was unveiled at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire. It honors and celebrates all who joined the naval service in the past or who will do so in the future. (6/17/14).

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