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OMB – OSVs of at least 6000 GT ITC



The Office of Management and Budget has approved the USCG draft interim final rule regarding **Offshore Supply Vessels of at least 6000 GT ITC**. The rule is being returned to the agency for processing and publication. (7/9/14).

SLSDC – Advisory Board meeting



The Advisory Board of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (SLSDC) will meet in Washington, DC on 6 August. **79 Fed. Reg. 40839** (July 14, 2014).

MARAD – America’s Marine Highway draft PEA



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) issued a notice stating that it has prepared a draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) regarding its America’s Marine Highway program. Comments must be received by 13 August. **79 Fed. Reg. 40838** (July 14, 2014).

ITC – marine sonar imaging devices



The International Trade Commission (ITC) issued a notice stating that it received a complaint on behalf of Navico, Inc. alleging violations of the Tariff Act of 1930 regarding certain marine sonar imaging devices including downscan and sidescan devices. **79 Fed. Reg. 40778** (July 14, 2014).

FWS & NOAA – loggerhead sea turtle



The Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) issued a final rule designating critical terrestrial habitat for the Northwest Atlantic Ocean distinct population segment of the loggerhead sea turtle. The rule comes into effect on 11 August. **79 Fed. Reg. 39755** (July 9, 2014). The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a final rule designating critical marine habitat for the Northwest Atlantic Ocean distinct population segment of the loggerhead sea turtle. No marine areas meeting the definition of critical habitat were identified within the jurisdiction of the United States for the North Pacific Ocean distinct population segment of the loggerhead sea turtle. The rule comes into effect on 11 August. **79 Fed. Reg. 39855** (July 9, 2014). The two agencies issued a **joint news release** explaining the development.

USCG – tandem loading approval process update



The US Coast Guard issued a Marine Safety Information Bulletin (MSIB) updating information regarding the USCG approval process for vapor controlled multi-breasted tandem loading. **MSIB 11-14** (7/8/14).

NOAA – nautical chart for Delong Mountain Terminal



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a **news release** stating that it issued a new nautical chart for the Delong Mountain Terminal, a shallow-draft port servicing the Red Dog Mine, one of the world's largest producers of zinc concentrate, on the western coast of Alaska in the Arctic. (7/7/14).

FMC – automated SERVCON filing option



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** announcing the availability of an automated SERVCON filing option that allows vessel-operating common carriers (VOCCs) and non-vessel-operating common carriers (NVOCCs) to incorporate the filing of service contracts and amendments or NVOCC Service Arrangements (NSAs) into their contract management systems. (7/8/14).

MARAD – cyber-threats in the marine environment



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) issued a **notice** announcing the availability of a free, computer-based training course (CBT) on cyber-threats in the maritime environment. The DVD will assist vessel owners and operators, merchant mariner unions, maritime academies, and other maritime organizations with training U.S. mariners on best practices to reduce the risks and vulnerability associated with information systems and devices. The CBT was developed through a cooperative agreement with the Ship Operations Cooperative Program (SOCP) and can be obtained by visiting the “Products” tab on their website at <http://www.socp.us> (7/3/14).

CMTS – adoption of IHO S-100 Universal Hydrographic Data Model



The US Committee on the Marine Transportation System (CMTS) issued a **bulletin** stating that the CMTS Coordinating Board has resolved to adopt

the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) S-100 Universal Hydrographic Data Model as its preferred data framework for the dissemination and exchange of digital marine safety information and related MTS data collection requirements. (6/17/14).

Senate – bill introduced re survey of Great Lakes resources



Senator Levin (D-MI) introduced the [Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Assessment Act of 2014](#) (S. 2556) to require the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere to conduct an assessment of cultural and historic resources in the waters of the Great Lakes, and for other purposes. Senator Levin issued a [news release](#) explaining the measure. (6/26/14).

Senate – resolution re maritime disputes



The Senate agreed to a resolution ([S. Res. 412](#)) reaffirming the strong support of the United States Government for freedom of navigation and other internationally lawful uses of sea and airspace in the Asia-Pacific region, and for the peaceful diplomatic resolution of outstanding territorial and maritime claims and disputes. (7/10/14).

House – bill introduced re dredged material



Representative Ribble (R-WI) introduced a bill (H.R. 5071) to preserve existing rights and responsibilities with respect to non-prohibited discharges of dredged or fill material under the Clean Water Act. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (7/10/14).

House – bill introduced re FWPCA permits



Representative Capito (R-WV) introduced a bill (H.R. 5077) to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide guidance and clarification regarding issuing new and renewal permits, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (7/11/14).

House – bill introduced re waters of the United States



Representative Southerland (R-FL) introduced a bill (H.R. 5078) to preserve existing rights and responsibilities with respect to waters of the United States, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but

Representative Southerland issued a [press release](#) explaining the measure. (7/11/14).

EC – investigation of Dutch port tax exemptions



The European Commission (EC) issued a [press release](#) stating that it has opened an in-depth investigation to verify whether exemptions from corporate tax granted under Dutch law to public companies, including port operators, are in line with EU state aid rules. (7/9/14).

Paris MOU – annual report



The Paris MOU released its [2013 Annual Report](#) on port state control. (7/7/14).

Australia – imported pallet inspection



The Australian Department of Agriculture issued a [media release](#) stating that examination of pallets transporting imported products is being expanded following discovery of Asian longhorn beetles, brown mulberry longhorn beetles, Japanese sawyer beetles, and nematodes in some recently-imported pallets. (6/16/14).

India – OSV safe manning



The Indian Directorate General of Shipping issued a [Circular](#) announcing an easing of safe manning requirements for off-shore supply vessels (OSVs) operating in Indian offshore oil fields. (7/7/14).

Ireland – recall of certain EPIRBs



The Irish Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport issued a notice announcing a recall of certain units of the GME EPIRB. [Marine Notice 41-2014](#) (7/10/14).

Singapore – emergency response exercise



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a [news release](#) stating that the multi-agency Exercise Blue Dolphin 2014 has been conducted simulating the evacuation of 700 passengers and crew from a

passenger vessel that had experienced an engine room fire. More than 1000 personnel from 21 agencies and companies participated. (7/11/14).

SSS – Uncle Sam does not want you



The US **Selective Service System** (SSS) issued an apology after sending notifications to 14,215 men in Pennsylvania born between 1893 and 1897 reminding them of the requirement to register for the draft. (7/11/14).

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