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# Bryant's Maritime News

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## Lake St. Clair – grain carrier remains aground



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that the grain carrier Federal Rideau remains hard aground in the downbound channel of Lake St. Clair, after running aground on 27 July due to a steering failure. Additional tugs are being brought in to attempt to refloat the vessel. The waterway remains open to one-way traffic.

## USACE – Water Resources Reform & Development Act



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) issued a notice stating that it will conduct a series of listening sessions by webinar for public input to

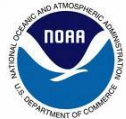
inform the agency's implementation of the Water Resources Reform & Development act of 2014. Each session will focus on a different aspect of the issue. Session I (13 August) will focus on Deauthorization & Backlog Prevention and on Project Development & Delivery. Session II (August 27) will focus on Alternative Financing and Credits. Session III (September 10) will focus on Levee & Dam Safety and on Regulatory Issues. Session IV (September 24) will focus on Non-Federal Implementation; Water Supply & Reservoir; and Navigation. Written comments should be submitted by 30 September. [79 Fed. Reg. 44014](#) (July 29, 2014).

### **BOEM – Beaufort Sea Planning Area**



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) issued a Call for Information and Nominations for potential Oil and Gas Lease Sale 242, proposed for the Beaufort Sea Planning Area off Alaska in 2017. Responses to the Call must be received by 12 September. [79 Fed. Reg. 44060](#) (July 29, 2014).

### **NOAA – nuisance flooding**



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a [news release](#) stating that 'nuisance flooding' of coastal cities on the East Coast is becoming more frequent. The report "[Sea Level Rise and Nuisance Flood Frequency Changes around the United States](#)" cites sea level rise as the primary cause. (7/28/14).

### **USCG – IMO Summer 2014 Newsletter**



The US Coast Guard posted its [IMO Summer 2014 Newsletter](#). This edition recaps IMO meeting activity through MSC 93. (7/28/14).

### **Washington – \$112,500 penalty for sunken vessel**



The Washington Department of Ecology issued a [news release](#) stating that American Gold Seafoods, owner of the fishing vessel Clam Digger, has been fined \$112,500 for the spill of 315 gallons of oil that occurred during the recovery of the vessel after it sank in Bellingham Channel near Anacortes. Ecology determined that the spill was preventable and that the vessel was not adequately maintained and not fit for its intended purpose. (7/25/14).

## Tokyo & Paris MOUs – CIC re hours of rest



The Tokyo MOU posted a **joint press release** stating that it and the Paris MOU parties will conduct a joint Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) with the purpose of establishing that shipboard watchkeeping personnel are meeting the requirements regarding hours of rest as required by STCW 78 (including the Manila amendments). The CIC will be conducted from 1 September until 30 November 2014. (7/28/14).

## Canada – surveying by floatplane



Transport Canada issued a **news release** stating that work has begun to develop a new method for underwater (bathymetric) surveying using floatplanes. This method is expected to be faster and more efficient than traditional ship surveying, particularly in Arctic waters. (7/28/14).

## India – MOS Comprehensive Action Plan



The Indian Ministry of Shipping (MOS) posted its **Comprehensive Action Plan**. (7/11/14).

## Ireland – MLC 2006 ratified



The Irish Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport issued a **press release** stating that Ireland has ratified the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC 2006). The Convention will enter into effect for Ireland on 21 July 2015. (7/22/14).

## Cape Cod Canal – opened to navigation 29 July 1914



The **Cape Cod Canal**, opened to navigation of 29 July 1914, is celebrating its **centennial**. Now operated by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), it was originally built as a for-profit enterprise, but the “for-profit” part did not pan out.

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