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USCG – whale watching vessel



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that a whale-watching vessel with 163 persons on board became disabled 13 miles east of Nahant, Massachusetts when its propeller became entangled. After about twelve hours, the line was cleared by divers and the vessel returned to port. Coast Guard vessels stood by during the disablement. (7/29/14).

Lake St. Clair – grain carrier refloated



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that the grain carrier Federal Rideau has been refloated. It grounded Sunday in the downbound channel of Lake St. Clair due to a steering casualty. A damage survey will be

performed. There were no reports of injury or pollution. The incident is under investigation. (7/29/14).

USCG – lifesaving equipment



The US Coast Guard promulgated a final rule amending its regulations for certain lifesaving equipment, including launching appliances, release mechanisms, survival craft, rescue boats, and automatic disengaging devices. This rule harmonizes the Coast Guard's design, construction, and performance standards for this lifesaving equipment with international standards, while providing for use of qualified independent laboratories during the approval process and for production inspections of certain types of lifesaving equipment. The rule enters into effect on 29 August. **79 Fed. Reg. 44129** (July 30, 2014).

Court – Iraq seeks to arrest oil shipment



The Ministry of Oil of the Republic of Iraq filed a **complaint and request for maritime arrest** of 1,032,212 barrels of oil aboard the tanker United Kalavrta, located offshore Galveston, Texas. Unofficial reports indicate that the oil cargo has not been arrested by US Marshals because the tanker is currently outside the jurisdiction of the court. This effort has the potential to put the United States Government in the midst of a dispute between the Government of Iraq and the Kurdistan Regional Government. (7/28/14). *Note: This item was brought to my attention by my good friend Keith Heard of **Burke & Parsons**.*

UN – sanctions against North Korean vessel



The United Nations issued a **news release** stating that the Security Council has approved the addition of the Ocean Maritime Management Company Limited of the Peoples' Democratic Republic of Korea (North Korea), as the operator/manager of the vessel Chong Chon Gang, to its Consolidated List of Individuals and Entities subject to the measures imposed by paragraphs 8(d) and 8(e) of Resolution 1718(2006) and paragraphs 8, 9, and 10 of Resolution 2094(2013). (7/28/14). *Note: This was the vessel caught in Panama smuggling weapons from Cuba to North Korea.*

India – Indian controlled tonnage



The Indian Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) issued an order allowing the foreign flagging of ships owned by Indian entities (Indian controlled tonnage), subject to certain conditions. **DGS Order 10-2014** (7/23/14).

Singapore – mass flow metering system



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a circular stating that use of an MPA-approved mass flow metering (MSM) system for marine fuel oil delivery in the Port of Singapore will be mandatory from 1 January 2017. **Port Marine Circular 08-2014** (7/29/14).

UK – consultation re offshore safety directives



The UK Health & Safety Executive opened a **consultation** on implementation of Directive 2013/30/EU on the safety of offshore oil and gas operations and amending Directive 2004/35/EC, and on the review of offshore Approved Codes of Practice and the updating of UK onshore oil and gas safety legislation to cover emerging energy technologies. The consultation ends on 21 September. (7/28/14). *Note: This item was brought to my attention by my good friend Alan Spackman of the **International Association of Drilling Contractors**.*

UK – consultation re offshore environmental liability



The UK Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs opened a **consultation** on amending the Environmental Damage (Prevention and Remediation) Regulations 2009 in England and Wales to transpose Article 38 of the Offshore Safety Directive 2013. The consultation ends on 21 September. (7/28/14). *Note: This item was brought to my attention by my good friend Alan Spackman of the **International Association of Drilling Contractors**.*

The “Black Tom Island” incident – 30 July 1916



The “**Black Tom Island**” incident occurred on Sunday, 30 July 1916. German saboteurs ignited a fire at the munitions-loading facility in Jersey City, across from Manhattan. The ensuing explosions destroyed the waterfront facility and largely obliterated the island, killing four persons and causing over \$40 million in property damage. It was the first state-sponsored terrorist attack in US history and was the genesis of the Coast Guard’s port security program. The linked article (http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/security/Black_Tom-a.pdf) provides further details.

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