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Pacific Ocean – ship diverts to rescue sailboat



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that the Matson container ship Manukai has diverted to assist the disabled sail boat Walkabout in the Pacific northeast of Oahu. The Walkabout, with three persons on board, was damaged by Hurricane Julio. It is taking on water and its life raft has been blown overboard. A Coast Guard aircraft dropped dewatering equipment and life rafts, but the sail boat crew was unable to retrieve them in the heavy weather. (8/11/14).

USCG – NY/NJ Area Contingency Plan



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that it seeks public comment on the New York/New Jersey Area Contingency Plan. The plan defines roles, responsibilities, resources, and procedures necessary to respond in the event of a spill. Comments should be submitted by 10 October. **79 Fed. Reg. 46866** (August 11, 2014).

FMC – adjudication of small claims



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) promulgated a direct final rule amending its regulations concerning the adjudication of small claims filed with the Commission seeking reparations in the amount of \$50,000 or less for violation of the Shipping Act of 1984. The amendment transfers responsibility for assignment of these claims from the Alternative Dispute Resolution to the Chief Administrative Law Judge. The amendment will enter into effect on 7 November unless significant adverse comment is received by 8 September. **79 Fed. Reg. 46714** (August 11, 2014).

FERC – EIS for Gulf LNG liquefaction project



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice stating that it intends to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) regarding the planned Gulf LNG Liquefaction Project. A public scoping meeting will be held on 18 August in Moss Point, Mississippi. Written comments must be received by 1 September. **79 Fed. Reg. 46793** (August 11, 2014).

USCG – reminder re hours of rest



The US Coast Guard issued a Marine Safety Information Bulletin reminding stakeholders that maritime authorities of the Paris, Black Sea, and Tokyo MOU's on Port State Control will launch a joint Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on STCW hours of rest. The CIC will be conducted from 1 September through 30 November 2014. **MSIB 13-14** (8/8/14). *Note: Although the US Coast Guard does not participate in the CIC, it does enforce the STCW, including the provisions relating to hours of rest, on a routine basis.*

Toledo – spill response drill



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that its personnel and representatives from the BP-Husky Toledo refinery will conduct a two-day oil spill response drill at various marinas in the Toledo area on 12 and 13 August. (8/8/14).

Santa Barbara Channel – speed reduction program



The Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District issued a **news release** stating that a coalition of government, non-profit, and marine industry groups have launched a new trial incentive program in the Santa Barbara Channel to slow cargo ships in order to reduce air pollution and increase protection of endangered whales. Companies participating in the speed reduction program will receive \$2,500 per ship transit through the waterway. (8/4/14).

California – SLC meeting re ballast water



The California State Lands Commission (SLC) will meet in San Francisco on 15 August. Among the items on the agenda are consideration for approval of the Legislative Report titled “2014 Assessment of the Efficacy, Availability, and Environmental Impacts of Ballast Water Treatment Technologies for Use in California Waters” and consideration for approval of the budget as submitted by the successful bidder for a study to examine the feasibility of shore-based reception and treatment facilities for management of discharged ballast water in California. (8/8/14).

WHO – Ebola outbreak an ‘extraordinary event’



The World Health Organization (WHO) issued a **statement** declaring that the Ebola outbreak in West Africa constitutes an ‘extraordinary event’ and a public health risk to other States. While the WHO does not recommend a general ban on international travel or trade, it does recommend that States provide travelers to Ebola affected and at-risk areas with relevant information on risks, measures to minimize those risks, and advice for managing a potential exposure. (8/8/14).

EU – improving safety of cruise ships



The European Commission (EC) issued a [press release](#) explaining how EU-funded research is making cruise ships safer. Among other things, the LYNCEUS project demonstrates how low-power wireless technology, inserted into life jackets, can help localize and track people. (8/8/14).

Panama Canal – July summary



The Panama Canal Authority issued an advisory summarizing Canal operations during July. [Advisory 17-2014](#) (8/5/14).

MV Windoc-Allanburg Bridge collision – 11 August 2001



On 11 August 2001, the motor vessel Windoc and the Allanburg Bridge suffered a collision. Ship-bridge collisions are rare, because a true collision requires that both objects be in motion at the time of impact. The Allanburg Bridge (also referred to as Bridge 11) is a lift bridge over the Welland Canal at Allanburg, Ontario. The Windoc was downbound and passing under the lift span when the span unexpectedly lowered. The vessel's wheelhouse and funnel were destroyed. The vessel drifted downstream, caught fire, and grounded approximately 800 meters from the bridge. The vessel was eventually declared a constructive total loss. The bridge sustained structural damage and the Welland Canal was closed to vessel traffic for two days. Amazingly, there were no injuries, the master, third mate, and helmsman escaping down a ladder just before impact. The St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation (operator of the bridge) initially denied responsibility, but later paid damages after the Transportation Safety Board (TSB) of Canada issued a report ([Mo1C0054](#)) finding that the performance of the individual operating the bridge at the time was "likely impaired" when he lowered the span prematurely. A short, but interesting, [video](#) of the collision and its immediate aftermath is also available.

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