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Alaska – USCG forward operating location



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that it will open its seasonal forward operating location in Barrow, Alaska on 21 August in support of Operation Arctic Shield 2014. An aviation detachment, along with its supporting air and ground communication crews, has been deployed. The forward operating location minimizes response times to cases in the Arctic Ocean. (8/19/14).

USCG – fishing vessels dispensing petroleum products



The US Coast Guard proposes to amend its regulations for commercial fishing vessels carrying flammable or combustible liquid cargoes in bulk. Comments should be submitted by 18 November. [79 Fed. Reg. 49261](#) (August 20, 2014).

FMC – petition for declaratory order



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a notice stating that it received a petition from LCL Logistix (India) Pvt. Ltd dba LCL Lines for a declaratory order “to remove uncertainty and terminate a controversy in regard to the justness and reasonableness of the demurrage practices of Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC).” [79 Fed. Reg. 49315](#) (August 20, 2014).

ARC – meeting



The Arctic Research Commission (ARC) will meet in Anchorage on 15-16 September. [79 Fed. Reg. 49280](#) (August 20, 2014).

OMB – proposed Arctic Regulations



The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has received for review from the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) the proposed [Arctic Regulations](#), intended to promote safe, responsible, and effective drilling activities on the Arctic outer continental shelf (OCS), while also ensuring the protection of Alaska’s coastal communities and the marine environment. OMB review generally takes four months. (8/15/14). *Note: This item was brought to my attention by my good friend Louis Le Gendre of International Shipping & Logistics.*

USN – wrecksite of USS Houston discovered



The US Navy issued a [news release](#) stating that the wrecksite of the cruiser USS Houston (CA 30) has been located in Indonesian waters. Houston was sunk during the Battle of the Sunda Strait on 28 February 1942 with the loss of more than 700 sailors and Marines. US Navy and Indonesian Navy divers laid a wreath at the site. (6/12/14). *Note: This item was brought to my attention by my good friend Larry Brennan.*

Australia – investigation of mooring incident



The Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) issued a [notice](#) stating that it has opened an investigation into the mooring incident and contact with bridge at Fremantle on 17 August. The car carrier Grand Pioneer and the

general cargo ship AAL Fremantle broke free from their aft moorings during high winds. They then rotated around their forward mooring lines, with AAL Fremantle making contact with the nearby railway bridge. (8/19/14).

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