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San Francisco Bay – disabled tanker arrives



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that the disabled product tanker Pine Galaxy has been towed safely into San Francisco Bay for repairs. It was escorted by the Coast Guard. The tanker previously experienced an engine room fire that resulted in the death of one crew member and the loss of electrical power and propulsion. (8/27/14).

USCG – unmanned aircraft system tests



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that the first launch and landing of an unmanned aircraft system from an icebreaker occurred on the flight deck of the USCGC Healy on 18 August in Arctic waters. The aircraft is being evaluated to determine its capability to track oil spills and assist in other Coast Guard missions. (8/27/14).

FWS – loggerhead sea turtle correction



The Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) issued a correction to its designation of critical habitat for the loggerhead sea turtle to provide a complete and accurate for the turtle in the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife. The correction comes into effect immediately. [79 Fed. Reg. 51264](#) (August 28, 2014).

Court – liability of corporate president



In an unpublished decision, the US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, applying state law, held that the owner of a corporation is personally liable for corporate liabilities after its administrative dissolution if he played an active role in the corporation. In the instant case, plaintiff barge owner contracted with defendant shipyard for barge repairs. When a dispute arose regarding completion of the repairs, plaintiff brought suit against the shipyard and its corporate president. During the period of the dispute, the shipyard was dissolved as a corporation and entered bankruptcy. Eventually, judgment was entered against both the shipyard and its president, jointly and severally. Defendant president appealed, but lost. [4 H Construction v. Superior Boat](#), No. 09-60838 (5th Cir., August 27, 2014).

Australia – substandard ship banned



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a [media release](#) stating that it has issued a direction to the container ship Vega Auriga that prohibits the ship from using or entering any Australian port for the next three months due to repeated breaches relating to seafarer welfare and maintenance of the ship. (8/27/14).

Australia – preliminary casualty report



The Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) issued the preliminary report of its investigation of the collision between Royal Pescadores and Da Heng Shan in the Gage Roads Anchorage, Fremantle on 8 May 2014. [MO-2014-003](#) (8/27/14).

Suez Canal – development project



The Suez Canal Authority issued a **notice** announcing that the contract for the National project of Suez Canal Regional Development has been awarded to Dar Al-Handasa (Shair & Partners). (8/27/14).

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