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Mobile – two vessels sink;  
CBP – quarterly interest rates;  
IMO – MEPC 67;  
UK & Ireland – General Lighthouse Fund; and  
UK – hovercraft pilot flying on fumes.

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## Mobile – two vessels sink



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2387898/) [found at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2387898/>] stating that a towing vessels and a small dredging vessel sank near the Mobile Ship Channel. The crews of both vessels were rescued without injury. A one-mile long oil sheen has been reported. A salvage plan is being developed. The incident is under investigation. (10/14/14).

## CBP – quarterly interest rates



The US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued a general notice stating that the interest rates for the calendar quarter beginning 1 October are 2% for overpayments by corporations, 3% for overpayments by non-corporations, and 3% for underpayments by either. [79 Fed. Reg. 61896](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-10-15/pdf/2014-24424.pdf) [found at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-10-15/pdf/2014-24424.pdf>] (10/15/14).

## IMO – MEPC 67



The IMO issued a [news release](http://www.imo.org/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/31-MEPC-67-preview.aspx#.VD16wmddV8E) [found at <http://www.imo.org/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/31-MEPC-67-preview.aspx#.VD16wmddV8E> ] providing a summary of the issues to be taken up by the Marine Environment Protection Committee at its 13-17 October session (MEPC 67). The issues include the Polar Code and the Ballast Water Convention, among others. (10/9/14).

## UK & Ireland – General Lighthouse Fund



The UK Department for Transport (DfT) issued a [notice](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/general-lighthouse-fund-report-and-accounts-2014) [found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/general-lighthouse-fund-report-and-accounts-2014> ] announcing publication of the General Lighthouse Fund report and accounts 2014. These accounts consolidate the accounts of the General Lighthouse Authorities (Trinity House; the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses; and the Commissioners of Irish Lights) for the financial year ending 31 March 2014. (10/14/14).

## UK – hovercraft pilot flying on fumes



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued a [news release](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/hovercraft-pilot-jailed-for-being-over-alcohol-limit) [found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/hovercraft-pilot-jailed-for-being-over-alcohol-limit> ] stating that a hovercraft pilot was sentenced to eight months in jail after pleading guilty to being over the alcohol limit while operating his passenger craft on the Solent. (10/14/14).

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