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NTSB – bridge/ship collision



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) issued the report of its investigation into the collision of the bulk carrier Herbert C. Jackson with the Jefferson Avenue Bridge on the Rouge River near Detroit on 12 May 2013. Investigation revealed that the vessel was cleared for passage through the bridge when the bridge tender (later found to be legally intoxicated) lowered the drawbridge, striking the vessel's bow. There were no injuries or pollution, but the bridge was extensively damaged. **MAB-14/19** [located at <http://www.nts.gov/doclib/reports/2014/MAB1419.pdf>] (10/15/14). *Note: Almost always, physical contact between a bridge and a vessel involves*

movement only by the vessel – an allision. This is one of the rare instances where both the bridge and the vessel were moving at the time of physical contact – a collision.

DOT – cruise ship passenger information



The Department of Transportation (DOT) issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.dot.gov/briefing-room/us-department-transportation-launches-new-website-providing-information-cruise-ship>] announcing the launch of the **Cruise Ship Passengers Website** [located at <http://www.dot.gov/mission/safety/passenger-cruise-ship-information>]. The site features information and resources provided by other federal agencies as a one-stop resource to assist cruise ship passengers in making informed vacation planning decisions. (10/27/14).

MARAD – fuel cell technology



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) issued a **news release** [located at http://www.marad.dot.gov/news_room_landing_page/news_releases_summary/news_release/dot100-14.htm] stating that it is testing low sulfur marine diesel fuel to power fuel cells onboard the Training Ship (TS) Kennedy at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy. (10/31/14).

New Orleans – international supply chain efficiency forum



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.fmc.gov/public-forum-gulf-coast-2014/>] stating that Commissioner Rebecca Dye will hold an informational forum on International Supply Chain Efficiency: Challenges Facing Gulf Coast Ports in New Orleans on 3 November. (10/27/14).

FMC – CCM Pool Agreement



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.fmc.gov/NR14-14/>] stating that it took no further action to delay the effectiveness of an amendment to the Consolidated Chassis Management (CCM) Pool Agreement. The amendment entered into effect on 1 November 2014. (10/28/14).

SLSDC – Advisory Board meeting



The Advisory Board of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (SLSDC) will meet on 4 December via conference call. **79 Fed. Reg. 65298** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-11-03/pdf/2014-25993.pdf>] (11/3/14).

Australia – vessel breakaways during heavy weather



The Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) issued the preliminary report of its investigation into the 17 August 2014 breakaway of the car carrier Grand Pioneer and the general cargo ship AAL Fremantle were berthed at the quay in Fremantle stern to stern. During cargo discharge operations, a rapid increase in wind speed caused both ships' stern to break away and the ships swung bow to the wind. The AAL Fremantle made contact with another vessel and with an adjacent railroad bridge. Initial analysis revealed that a bollard, with all of AAL Fremantle's and two of Grand Pioneer's five stern lines, failed. **MO-2014-009** [located at http://www.atsb.gov.au/media/5166780/MO-2014-009_PRELIM.pdf]

Australia – engine room fire



The Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) issued the preliminary report of its investigation into an engine room fire on board the bulk carrier Marigold at Port Hedland on 13 July 2014. Evidence indicates that a fuel oil pipe coupling on number one diesel generator failed. Pressurized fuel oil and mist ignited resulting in a fire around the generator turbocharger. The ship's Halon gas fixed fire suppression system was activated, but a full release of Halon gas did not occur and the engine room was not properly closed. Consequently, the fire continued for about twelve hours until it burnt itself out. **MO-2014-008** [located at http://www.atsb.gov.au/media/5166835/mo-2014-008_prelim.pdf]

China – English NAVTEX service



The Chinese Maritime Safety Administration (CMSA) issued a **notice** [located at <http://en.msa.gov.cn/index.php?m=content&c=index&a=show&catid=336&id=144>] stating that the Navigation Guarantee Center of the north China Sea (NGCN) has opened English NAVTEX service in Tianjin Coastal Station. (10/31/14).

Ireland – light dues



The Commissioners of Irish Lights issued a [press release](http://www.cil.ie/who-we-are/press-releases/changes-to-light-dues-announced.aspx) [located at <http://www.cil.ie/who-we-are/press-releases/changes-to-light-dues-announced.aspx>] announcing changes to light dues and funding for marine aids to navigation in the Republic of Ireland from April 2015. (10/16/14).

Panama Canal – first new Pacific lock gate



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued a [press release](http://www.pancanal.com/eng/pr/press-releases/2014/10/22/pr529.html) [located at <http://www.pancanal.com/eng/pr/press-releases/2014/10/22/pr529.html>] stating that the first gate for the new locks on the Pacific side of the Canal Expansion Project has transited the Canal. The project is now 80% complete. (10/24/14).

Singapore – harmonizing LNG bunkering standards



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a [news release](http://www.mpa.gov.sg/sites/global_navigation/news_center/mpa_news/mpa_news_detail.page?filename=nr141017.xml) [located at http://www.mpa.gov.sg/sites/global_navigation/news_center/mpa_news/mpa_news_detail.page?filename=nr141017.xml] it is in discussions with European port authorities on harmonizing LNG bunkering standards and procedures. (10/17/14).

Singapore – compulsory maritime health declarations



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a circular stating that ships arriving in Singapore that have been to Ebola affected countries within the previous 21 days are required to submit maritime health declarations. [Port Marine Circular 14-2014](http://www.mpa.gov.sg/sites/circulars_and_notices/pdfs/port_marine_circular_s/pc14-14.pdf) [located at http://www.mpa.gov.sg/sites/circulars_and_notices/pdfs/port_marine_circular_s/pc14-14.pdf] (10/23/14).

Singapore – persistent surveillance



The Singapore Ministry of Defence issued a [news release](http://www.mindef.gov.sg/imindef/resourcelibrary/cyberpioneer/topics/articles/weapon/2014/nov14_weapon.html#.VFai_jTF98E) [located at http://www.mindef.gov.sg/imindef/resourcelibrary/cyberpioneer/topics/articles/weapon/2014/nov14_weapon.html#.VFai_jTF98E] stating that it is deploying an aerostat to provide persistent air, ground, and marine surveillance for up to 160 km around the island nation. (10/31/14). *Note: Among other things, the aerostat may be able to detect and deter illegal maritime activity, such as piracy, in waters around Singapore.*

UK – eLoran now in operation



The General Lighthouse Authorities (GLA) of the United Kingdom and Ireland issued a [notice](http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/Misc/UK_eLoran_141031.pdf) [located at http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/Misc/UK_eLoran_141031.pdf] announcing the initial operational capability of UK maritime eLoran. Seven differential reference stations are now in operation to provide additional position, navigation, and timing (PNT) information to ships fitted with eLoran receivers, ensuring that they can navigate safely in the event of satellite navigation failure. The eLoran stations are located at Dover, Harwich, the Thames, Humber, Middlesbrough, Firth of Forth, and Aberdeen. (10/31/14). *Note: This item was brought to my attention by my good friend Dana Goward of the [Association For Rescue At Sea](#).*

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