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Great Barrier Reef-Torres Strait – two-way shipping route.

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## **USCG – icebreaker Polar Star deploys to Antarctic**



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2428542/) [located at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2428542/>] stating that its icebreaker Polar Star departed Seattle for a four-month deployment to the Antarctic as part of Operation Deepfreeze, the national Joint Task Force Support to resupply the National Science Foundation outposts there. The Polar Star is the nation's ONLY heavy icebreaker. (11/30/14).

## **Upper Mississippi River – safety zone**



The US Coast Guard established, through 31 January 2015, a temporary safety zone between Mile 44 and Mile 46 of the Upper Mississippi River near Thebes, Illinois for removal of two 16-inch pipelines in the navigation channel. [79 Fed. Reg. 71020](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-12-01/pdf/2014-28270.pdf) [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-12-01/pdf/2014-28270.pdf>] (12/1/14).

## Great Lakes – pilotage rates



The US Coast Guard has extended, through 31 December, the period within which to submit comments on the 2015 Annual Review and Adjustment of Great Lakes Pilotage Rates. [79 Fed. Reg. 71082](#) [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-12-01/pdf/2014-28272.pdf>] (12/1/14).

## EPA – NPDES electronic reporting



The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has extended, through 30 January 2015, the period within which to submit comments on its proposed rule regarding National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) electronic reporting. [79 Fed. Reg. 71066](#) [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-12-01/pdf/2014-27918.pdf>] (12/1/14).

## IMO – container weight to be verified



The Danish Maritime Authority (DMA) issued a [news release](#) [located at <http://www.dma.dk/news/Sider/Nowcontainersmustbeweighedbeforebeingcarriedbysea.aspx>] advising that the recent session of the IMO Marine Safety Committee (MSC 94) adopted a new regulation, with effect from 1 June 2016, requiring that the weight of loaded containers be verified prior to loading. (11/28/14).

## Great Barrier Reef-Torres Strait – two-way shipping route



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a [media release](#) [located at [http://www.amsa.gov.au/media/documents/281114\\_MediaRelease\\_NewTwoWayRoutesGBR.pdf](http://www.amsa.gov.au/media/documents/281114_MediaRelease_NewTwoWayRoutesGBR.pdf)] reminding masters that the two-way shipping route in Queensland's Great Barrier Reef (GBR) and Torres Strait has been formalized by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and will be in effect from 1 December 2014. (11/28/14).

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