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Miami – restricted traffic on ICW



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2430870/) [located at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2430870/>] stating that traffic on the Intracoastal Waterway (ICW) near Bal Harbour, Florida is restricted following an incident involving a yacht and the Broad Causeway Bridge. Following the incident, only the bridge's west leaf is operational. Vessels wider than 40 feet should seek an alternate route. The incident is under investigation. (12/3/14). *Note: The investigation has just commenced, but it appears that the bridge closed while the yacht was passing through the opening - oops.*

Chicago – 2014 Christmas Ship



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2429958/) [located at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2429958/>] stating that, furthering a

long-standing tradition, the USCGC Mackinaw is serving as the “Christmas Ship” delivering more than 1,200 Christmas trees to deserving families in the Chicago area. (12/3/14).

FMC – meeting 10 December



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.fmc.gov/meeting-12-10-2014/>] announcing that the Commissioners will meet on 10 December. In the open session, they will receive briefings on the European Maritime Law Organization (EMLO) Conference; the South Atlantic Port Forum of 30 October; and the Gulf Coast Port Forum of 3 November. During the closed session, they will receive a briefing concerning international affairs. (12/3/14).

DOT – “Military to Mariner” program



The Department of Transportation (DOT) issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.transportation.gov/fastlane/military-mariner-well-deserved-opportunity-america%E2%80%99s-veterans>] on the “Military to Mariner” program to identify maritime positions for military veterans. (12/3/14).

House – Coast Guard authorization bill approved

The House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure issued a **press release** [located at <http://transportation.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=398521>] stating that the House overwhelmingly approved the Howard Coble Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2014 (H.R. 5769) authorizing Coast Guard and other maritime activities. The measure now goes to the Senate where it is expected to be taken up before the end of the year. (12/3/14).

Australia – sound navigational practices



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a notice drawing attention to navigational practices that should be followed by masters and officers in charge of a navigational watch on ships. It also includes reminders for owners, including that new personnel must be provided with proper familiarization prior to assuming their duties. **Marine Notice 17-2014** [located at <https://apps.amsa.gov.au/MOREview/MarineNoticeExternal.html>] (12/3/14).

Hong Kong – reporting of marine incidents



The Hong Kong Marine Department issued a notice reminding owners, operators, and masters of the obligation to report in writing within 24 hours full particulars of a marine incident. [Marine Department Notice 156-2014](http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/notices/pdf/mdn14156.pdf) [located at <http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/notices/pdf/mdn14156.pdf>] (12/3/14).

Newsletter – contributions requested



In an effort to keep the maritime community timely informed as to what the various government agencies are doing for and to us, I have published an electronic blog and newsletter for the past six years. The email, blog and newsletter are unique in that they almost always provide the reader with direct access to the government document(s) at issue. I have been absorbing the costs of the website, the email distribution system, subscriptions, etc. Those costs have been rising and are expected to continue to rise. It is therefore requested that you, my long-suffering readers, make a modest voluntary contribution to help defray these costs. For those addicted to ecommerce, contributions may be sent to my PayPal account (dennis.l.bryant@gmail.com); otherwise, checks are gratefully accepted when sent to the address list below. Many thanks.

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