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MARAD – Port Ambrose LNG DWP



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) issued a notice stating that it seeks comments on the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for the Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Deepwater Port (DWP), proposed for construction and operation in federal waters of the Atlantic Ocean 16.1 nautical miles southeast of Jones Beach, New York, 24.9 nautical miles east of Long Branch, New Jersey, and 27.1 nautical miles from the entrance to New York Harbor in a water depth of approximately 103 feet. Public meetings will be held in Jamaica, New York (7 January 2015) and Eatontown, New Jersey (8 January 2015). Written comments must be received by 10 February 2015. [79 Fed. Reg. 74808](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-12-16/pdf/2014-29369.pdf) [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-12-16/pdf/2014-29369.pdf>] (12/16/14).

NOAA – World Magnetic Model updated



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a **news release** [located at http://www.noaanews.noaa.gov/stories2014/20141215_worldmagneticmodel.html] stating that, together with the British Geological Survey, it has updated the World Magnetic Model used for, among other purposes, correction of magnetic compass readings. (12/15/14). *Note: This is for those who have retained their magnetic compasses. GPS is excellent, but relies on technology working properly. The Earth will always be magnetic!*

USCG – Operation RENEW



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2435334/>] stating that the winter icebreaking season has commenced for waters in the Northeast. Operation Reliable Energy for NorthEast Winters (RENEW) is expected to continue through March 2015. (12/14/14).

USCG – LGC NCOE



The US Coast Guard issued a **notice** [located at <http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2014/12/15/12152014-the-future-of-marine-fuels-from-the-liquefied-gas-carrier-national-center-of-expertise/>] discussing the role of its Liquefied Gas Carrier National Center of Expertise (LGC NCOE) with regard to the increasing number of LNG carriers calling in US ports and the plans for use of LNG as a marine fuel. (12/15/14).

USLSS – assisting the Wright Flyer



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2436338/>] reminding us of the assistance provided by personnel at US Life-Saving Station Nags Head for the first flight on the Wright Flyer at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina on 17 December 1903. (12/15/14).

Supreme Court – US v. California



The U.S. Supreme Court issued a Fifth Supplemental Decree defining the boundary between the submerged lands of state and those of the federal government. The decree runs on for 112 pages, all but five of those pages being the geographic coordinates of the boundary. The last page of the decree is a chart showing the boundary. **United States v. California**, No. 5 Orig. (U.S., December 15, 2014) [located at http://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/14pdf/no5orig_m6ho.pdf].

Denmark & Greenland – North Pole claim



The Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued a **news release** [located at <http://um.dk/en/news/newsdisplaypage/?newsID=71574E42-6115-4D16-9C8A-4C056F8603F3>] stating that the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark, together with the Government of Greenland, will file a submission with the UN Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf to define the outer limits of its continental shelf in the Arctic Ocean. The related **chart** indicates that the continental shelf claim extends through the geographic North Pole to the limits of the Russian EEZ. (12/15/14). *Note: This may seriously upset Santa Claus, who will deliver a big bag of coal to a certain Foreign Minister.*

Boston Tea Party – 16 December 1773



On this date in 1773 (241 years ago), American colonists in Boston, calling themselves the Sons of Liberty, boarded several ships moored in the harbor and threw numerous chests of tea into the water. Their cry was: “No taxation without representation!” Some years later, they got representation – followed immediately by taxation and more taxation. It is unclear if they were charged with environmental offenses.

Holiday season



The holiday season has begun – a good time to give thanks for our blessings. For instance, I am blessed by well over four thousand subscribers, some of whom actually read my almost daily newsletter. For those subscribers who made financial contributions for continued operation of the service, I have extended your subscriptions for another year. For those who elected to not make

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