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## **DHS – good cybersecurity practices encouraged**



The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) released a **statement** from Secretary Johnson [located at <http://www.dhs.gov/news/2014/12/19/statement-secretary-johnson-cyber-attack-sony-pictures-entertainment> ] urging all businesses to learn from the cyberattack on Sony Pictures Entertainment and implement good cybersecurity practices. (12/19/14).

## **USCG – Proceedings**



The US Coast Guard posted the **Winter 2014-15 edition** of the Proceedings of the Marine Safety & Security Council [located at <http://www.uscg.mil/proceedings/> ]. The theme of this edition is Cybersecurity, with articles on governance; information systems; cybersecurity of maritime

critical infrastructure; information sharing & intelligence; and the insider threat. (12/22/14).

### **FMC – regulations re dismissal of actions**



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) promulgated a final rule amending its regulations governing the rules of practice and procedure for dismissals of actions. The amendments come into effect on 24 January 2015. **79 Fed. Reg. 76901** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-12-23/pdf/2014-29946.pdf>] (12/23/14).

### **FERC – EA for Sabine Pass expansion**



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice stating that it has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed Sabine Pass Liquefaction Expansion Project and the Cheniere Creole Trail Pipeline Expansion Project. Comments on the EA must be received by 12 January 2015. **79 Fed. Reg. 76997** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-12-23/pdf/2014-29956.pdf>] (12/23/14).

### **USN – dismantling of former Ranger (CV 61)**



The US Navy issued a **news release** [located at [http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story\\_id=85012](http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=85012)] stating that a procurement contract for towing and dismantling the decommissioned aircraft carrier Ranger (CV 61) has been awarded to International Shipbreaking, Ltd in Brownsville, Texas. The company's bid of \$0.01 was the lowest received. (12/22/14).

### **Court – injunction re conduct on high seas**



In an unpublished memorandum decision, the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit addressed and dismissed arguments made by an aggressive marine environmental advocacy group objecting to the Appellate Commissioner's Report and Recommendation in an action brought by a Japanese cetacean research organization seeking an injunction against the defendant's confrontational tactics on the high seas. The court held that, for purposes of this litigation, the high seas are not a public forum, that the defendant was accorded due process, and that the injunction reaches extraterritorial conduct that violates

universal international-law norms. [Institute of Cetacean Research v. Sea Shepherd Conservation Society](#), No. 12-35266 (9th Cir., December 19, 2014) [located at <http://cdn.ca9.uscourts.gov/datastore/memoranda/2014/12/19/12-35266mem.pdf> ].

### IMO – BWM Convention reconsideration welcomed



The IMO issued a [news release](#) [located at <http://www.imo.org/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/43-BWM-.aspx#.VJhjusAAA> ] stating that Secretary-General Koji Sekimizu has welcomed the reconsideration by the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) of its position toward ratification by governments of the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments (BMW Convention). (12/22/14).

### India – extension of insurance authorization



The Indian Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) issued a [notice](#) [located at [http://dgshipping.gov.in/WriteReadData/News/20141222043637782168ononai\\_g\\_insu\\_221214.pdf](http://dgshipping.gov.in/WriteReadData/News/20141222043637782168ononai_g_insu_221214.pdf) ] extending through 26 June 2015 the authorization of two Iranian P&I Clubs to provide insurance coverage for merchant ships calling in Indian ports. (12/22/14).

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