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DOJ – shipping executive sentenced to prison



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a [news release](#) [located at <http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/ocean-shipping-executive-pleads-guilty-price-fixing-ocean-shipping-services-cars-and-trucks>] stating that an executive of Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha Ltd (K-Line) pleaded guilty in federal court to price fixing on ocean shipping services for cars and trucks and was sentenced to serve an 18-month prison term and to pay a \$20,000 criminal fine. (1/30/15).

USCG NVDC – US-build determination



The USCG National Vessel Documentation Center (NVDC) issued a **determination letter** [located at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/nvdc/rebuild/vigorfab.pdf>] stating that an unmanned ocean-going ammonia gas tank barge being constructed in the United States is eligible to engage in the US coastwise trade even though the prismatic cargo tanks have been fabricated by a foreign manufacturer where the tanks do not form part of the hull. (1/29/15).

USCG NVDC – foreign rebuild determination



The USCG National Vessel Documentation Center (NVDC) issued a **follow-up determination letter** [located at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/nvdc/rebuild/nanaprovider.pdf>] reaffirming that a US-flag vessel eligible to engage in the coastwise trade did not lose that eligibility where it had supplemental repairs in a foreign shipyard because the total weight of structural steel added by both the original repairs and the supplemental repairs was only 0.515%, the regulatory threshold being 7.5%. (1/29/15).

USCG – maritime cyber security



The US Coast Guard posted, in a five-part series, a discussion providing guidance on maritime cyber security standards. **Part 1** was an introduction by the Deputy Commandant for Operations. **Part 2** addressed cyber security risks. **Part 3** focused on cyber threats. **Part 4** discussed cyber resources available to the maritime community. **Part 5** summarized the cyber security issue and its importance to the maritime community. (1/29/15).

USCG & NFWF – waste stream and OWS study



A joint US Coast Guard-National Fish & Wildlife Foundation study of shipboard waste stream management, with particular emphasis on machinery space waste streams and oily water separator (OWS) technology, as regulated by MARPOL Annex I, and referred to as the “**MAX1 Studies**” [located at <http://www.max1studies.org/>] is examining two main questions: (1) how effective are shipboard OWSs; and (2) what can be done to further increase the effectiveness of shipboard oily waste management. The study is seeking interested parties to participate on a confidential basis where requested. (1/30/15).

NOAA – Arctic ringed seal



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has extended, until 31 March, the period within which to submit comments on its proposed designation of critical habitat for the Arctic ringed sea. An additional public meeting will be held in Bethel, Alaska on 26 February. **80 Fed. Reg. 5498** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-02-02/pdf/2015-01970.pdf>] (2/2/15).

USACE – North Atlantic Coast Comprehensive Study



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) posted its **North Atlantic Coast Comprehensive Study** [located at <http://www.nad.usace.army.mil/CompStudy>], which provides a risk management framework addressing the vulnerability of North Atlantic coastal populations at risk from future sea level and climate change scenarios. (2/2/15).

Senate – bill introduced to allow US-Cuba travel



Senator Flake (R-AZ) introduced a bill (S. 299) to allow travel between the United States and Cuba. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Senator Flake issued a **press release** [located at <http://www.flake.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/press-releases?ID=675386a7-2067-4eaa-a076-f2f465c647a1>] explaining the measure. (1/29/15).

Senate – hearing on vessel discharge regulations



On 4 February, the Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation will conduct a **hearing** [located at http://www.commerce.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=Hearings&ContentRecord_id=3d96309e-7f98-445b-9fdf-9483e042cd5e&ContentType_id=14f995b9-dfa5-407a-9d35-56cc7152a7ed&Group_id=b06c39af-e033-4cba-9221-de668ca1978a] on the impacts of vessel discharge regulations on the shipping and fishing industries. (1/30/15).

Malaysia – tanker hijackers arrested



The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre issued an **Incident Report** [located at

[http://www.recaap.org/Portals/0/docs/Latest%20IA/2015/Incident%20Update%20Sun%20Birdie%20\(29%20Jan%2015\).pdf](http://www.recaap.org/Portals/0/docs/Latest%20IA/2015/Incident%20Update%20Sun%20Birdie%20(29%20Jan%2015).pdf)] regarding the chemical tanker Sun Birdie. The tanker was hijacked by nine perpetrators near Tanjung Ayam, Malaysia on 28 January. The owner promptly reported loss of contact with the tanker. The Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) located and boarded the tanker on 29 January. The crew was unharmed. Seven perpetrators on board were arrested. Two perpetrators had jumped overboard. They were picked up by a passing ship and turned over to the MMEA. (1/30/15).

UK – certificates of insurance



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued a **notice** [located at <https://www.gov.uk/certificate-of-proof-of-civil-or-passenger-liability-insurance>] reminding stakeholders of the requirements for certificates of civil, passenger, or other liability insurance. (1/30/15).

Ground Hog's Day – 2 February 2015



February 2 is celebrated as **Ground Hog's Day** throughout the civilized world (i.e., Canada and the United States). On this day, if the ground hog comes out of its burrow and fails to see its shadow, winter will end in six weeks. If, though, the ground hog sees its shadow, then spring will arrive in a month and a half. (2/2/15).

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