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## White House – Cyber Threat Intelligence Integration Center



The White House released a **Presidential Memorandum** [located at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2015/02/25/presidential-memorandum-establishment-cyber-threat-intelligence-integrat>] establishing the Cyber Threat Intelligence Integration Center (CTIIC) to, among other things, provide integrated all-source analysis of intelligence related to foreign cyber threats or related to cyber incidents affecting US national interests. (2/25/15).

## USCG – Great Lakes pilotage rates



The US Coast Guard promulgated a rule adjusting rates for pilotage services on the Great Lakes. The adjusted rates come into effect on 1 August. **80 Fed. Reg. 10365** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-02-26/pdf/2015-04036.pdf>] (2/26/15).

## USCG – Missouri River WAMS



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that it will hold a public listening session to present and receive feedback on the Missouri River Waterways Analysis and Management System (WAMS) study. The session will be {or was} held in Smithville, Missouri on 25 February. Written comments must be submitted by 10 April. **80 Fed. Reg. 10497** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-02-26/pdf/2015-03914.pdf>] (2/26/15).

## USCG NVMC – new NOAD schema coming



The USCG National Vessel Movement Center (NVMC) issued a **notice** [located at [http://www.nvmc.uscg.gov/NVMC/\(S\(l50lvhi2p5wx03bx3jkn0qa\)\)/News.aspx?newsId=C8F2768B-3C8F-4278-8648-9111DCC758CD](http://www.nvmc.uscg.gov/NVMC/(S(l50lvhi2p5wx03bx3jkn0qa))/News.aspx?newsId=C8F2768B-3C8F-4278-8648-9111DCC758CD)] stating that on Tuesday, 26 May 2015, an updated Notice of Arrival and Departure (NOAD) schema, versioned 3.5, will be released which will reflect recently released changes to 33 CFR 160 and improvements to vessel/crew longshoreman data reporting. When NOAD Schema 3.5 is released, NOAD Schema 3.3 and older versions will no longer be supported. (2/25/15).

## NTSB – ITB allision with USCG buoy tender



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) posted the report of its investigation of the allision of the ITB Krystal Sea/Cordova Provider with the USCG buoy tender Sycamore in Cordova, Alaska on 28 July 2013. The ITB was maneuvering to dock at a pier adjacent to the moored buoy tender. The probable cause of the allision was the loss of directional control of one of two azimuthing stern drive propulsion units during an unsuccessful attempt by the tug's new captain to transfer from autopilot to manual control while approaching the intended dock. **MAB 15-04** [located at <http://www.nts.gov/investigations/AccidentReports/Reports/MAB1504.pdf>] (2/25/15). *Note: The report includes interesting photos of damage to the buoy tender.*

## DHS OIG – USCG bridge alteration project



The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Inspector General (OIG) posted the report of its examination of the US Coast Guard’s project for alteration of the BNSF Railway Bridge over the Mississippi River at Burlington, Iowa. Because the Coast Guard could not provide proper documentation to support the final apportionment of cost for the project, it could not be determined whether the allocation of \$74 million to the Coast Guard and \$8 million to BNSF Railway was appropriate. The report recommends that the agency review its internal policies and procedures for bridge alteration projects. **OIG 15-32** [located at [http://www.oig.dhs.gov/assets/Mgmt/2015/OIG\\_15-32\\_Feb15.pdf](http://www.oig.dhs.gov/assets/Mgmt/2015/OIG_15-32_Feb15.pdf)] (2/25/15).

## FERC – Aguirre Offshore GasPort EIS



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice stating that it has prepared a final environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Aguirre Offshore GasPort Project planned for construction and operation off the southern coast of Puerto Rico. **80 Fed. Reg. 10474** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-02-26/pdf/2015-03999.pdf>] (2/26/15).

## NMIO – Global Maritime Forum Workshop



The National Maritime Intelligence-Integration Office (NMIO) will be hosting the **2015 Global Maritime Forum (GMF) Workshop** [located at [http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/Misc/GMF\\_Workshop\\_2015.pdf](http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/Misc/GMF_Workshop_2015.pdf)] at Moffett Field, California on 2-3 June. The workshop will focus on “Turning the Corner in the Maritime Domain – Levering Data to Achieve Effective Understanding”. (2/24/15).

## DOD – freedom of the seas



The Department of Defense (DOD) issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=128241>] summarizing a recent media interview with Admiral Michelle J, Howard, USN regarding the importance of freedom of the seas. (2/25/15).

## House – hearing re maritime budget



The Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure conducted a **hearing** [located at <http://transportation.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=398626>] on the President’s Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Request for Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Programs. The witnesses were: Admiral Paul F. Zukunft, USCG, accompanied by Master Chief Steven W. Cantrell; the Honorable Paul “Chip” N. Jaenichen, Maritime Administrator; and the Honorable Mario Cordero, Chairman, FMC. (2/25/15).

## Court – destruction of undersized fish



In a rare 4-1-4 decision, the United States Supreme Court ruled that the prohibition in the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 against knowing destruction of a tangible object with the intent to impede a federal investigation does not apply to throwing undersized fish overboard after being told by a federal agent to keep the fish as evidence of a fisheries conservation violation. Plaintiff fishing vessel master admitted throwing the fish overboard, but argued that the statute was limited to financial and related records. Four justices agreed with the plaintiff (defendant below) in reversing the conviction. One justice concurred in the reversal, but on a different rationale. Four justices dissented. **Yates v. United States**, No. 13-7451 (US Supreme Court, February 25, 2015) [located at [http://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/14pdf/13-7451\\_m640.pdf](http://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/14pdf/13-7451_m640.pdf)].

## Singapore – implementation of bunker standards



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a circular advising that compliance by all bunker suppliers, bunker craft operators, and bunker surveyors with Singapore Standard for Bunkering SS 600:2014 and SS 524:2014 will be mandatory as of 1 September 2015. **Port Marine Circular 03-2015** (2/23/15) [located at [http://www.mpa.gov.sg/sites/circulars\\_and\\_notices/pdfs/port\\_marine\\_circulars/pc15-03.pdf](http://www.mpa.gov.sg/sites/circulars_and_notices/pdfs/port_marine_circulars/pc15-03.pdf)].

## UK – maritime & shipping statistics



The UK Department for Transport (DfT) posted **comprehensive guidance** to maritime and shipping statistics [located at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/maritime-and-shipping-statistics-guidance>]. (2/25/15).

## Sinking of the HMS Birkenhead – 26 February 1852



On 26 February 1852, the troopship HMS BIRKENHEAD grounded at Danger Point, near Cape Town, South Africa. It was carrying about 400 British soldiers to fight in the Kaffir War in South Africa. Also on board were about 200 civilians, mostly women and children. There were not sufficient lifeboats for everyone. The senior British Army officer onboard ordered the troops to stand fast as the women and children boarded the lifeboats. None of the soldiers broke ranks. The BIRKENHEAD sank soon afterwards. Only 193 of the approximately 643 people originally on board survived. From this event, the maritime tradition of “women and children first” is derived. Rudyard Kipling later wrote the poem “**Solder an’ Sailor too**”, dedicated to the Royal Regiment of Marines. The poem includes the lines:

To take your chance in the thick of a rush, with firing all about,  
Is nothing so bad when you’ve cover to ‘and, an’ leave an’ likin’ to shout;  
But to stand an’ be still to the Birken’ead drill is a damn tough bullet to chew,  
An’ they done it, the Jollies - ‘Er Majesty’s Jollies – soldier an’ sailor too!

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