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## USN – revised maritime strategy



The US Navy released its revised maritime strategy – **A Cooperative Strategy for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Seapower: Forward, Engaged, Ready** [located at <http://www.navy.mil/local/maritime/150227-CS21R-Final.pdf>]. The 2007 strategy has been adjusted to emphasize operating forward and engaging partners across the globe, especially in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region. (3/13/15).

## USCG – maritime security symposium



The US Coast Guard posted the first of four presentations at the recent Maritime Cybersecurity Symposium held at Rutgers University: **Sneak Preview of the Coast Guard's Cybersecurity Strategy** [located at <http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2015/03/09/392015-maritime->

cybersecurity-symposium-sneak-preview-of-the-coast-guards-cybersecurity-strategy/]. Links to the other three presentations by the Coast Guard may be found at the bottom of the first presentation. (3/9/15).

### **DOE – application to export LNG**



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a notice stating that it received an application from Downeast LNG, Inc. for authorization to export domestically produced liquefied natural gas (LNG) from its proposed LNG facility to be located at Robbinston, Maine. Comments on the application must be received by 15 May. [80 Fed. Reg. 13532](#) [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-03-16/pdf/2015-05952.pdf>] (3/16/15).

### **St. Lawrence Seaway – notices re season opening**



The Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway System posted its usual Seaway Notices in anticipation of the opening of the 2015 Navigation Season on 2 April. [Seaway Notice 3-2015](#) addresses transit restrictions at opening. [Seaway Notice 4-2015](#) addresses mooring and casting off in locks. [Seaway Notice 5-2015](#) addresses communications. [Seaway Notice 6-2015](#) is the General Notice. [Seaway Notice 7-2015](#) addresses testing the use of soft lines for mooring certain vessels. [Seaway Notice 8-2015](#) addresses tie-up service at lock approach walls. (3/13/15).

### **DHS OIG – USCG Biometrics at Sea System**



The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Inspector General (OIG) issued a report concluding that the US Coast Guard Biometrics at Sea System (BASS) is in need of improvement. Among other things, it found that not all biometrics captured on the 23 cutters involved in the program are maintained in the system through reconciliation. (3/13/15).

### **Court – rehearing denied**



In an unreported matter, the US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit denied by a vote of six in favor and nine opposed the petition for rehearing en banc of defendant Transocean. [United States v. Transocean Deepwater Drilling](#), No. 13-20243 (5th Cir., March 12, 2015).

### **ICSID – Venezuela owes Tidewater \$46.4 million**



The International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), a part of the World Bank Group, ruled that the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

expropriated the investment of Tidewater Investment and Tidewater Carib for marine support services without payment of prompt, adequate, and effective compensation. In 2009, Venezuela seized the Tidewater assets being used to provide the contracted marine support services. The tribunal determined that compensation in the principal amount of US\$46.4 million plus interest is to be paid, plus US\$2.5 million in costs. **ICSID Case No ARB/10/5** (3/13/15) [located at [https://icsid.worldbank.org/ICSID/FrontServlet?requestType=CasesRH&actionVal=showDoc&docId=DC5612\\_En&caseId=C961](https://icsid.worldbank.org/ICSID/FrontServlet?requestType=CasesRH&actionVal=showDoc&docId=DC5612_En&caseId=C961)].

## UK – MLC 2006 guidance



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) posted **guidance and information** [located at <https://www.gov.uk/mlc-2006-titles-1-to-5-regulations-guidance-and-information>] regarding titles 1 to 5 of MLC 2006. (3/13/15).

## AMOCO CADIZ oil spill – 16 March 1978



On 16 March 1978, the very large crude carrier (VLCC) **AMOCO CADIZ** lost steering in a Force 10 storm and grounded on Portsall Rocks off the coast of Brittany, France. As it broke up, the tanker lost its entire cargo of 1.6 million barrels of crude oil. The coastal areas in the vicinity were heavily impacted by the spill. After receiving limited compensation under the Civil Liability Compensation (CLC) and Funds Conventions, the Government of France brought suit in the United States against Amoco Oil Company, the parent company (twice removed) of the ship owner. The federal court awarded damages in favor of France, holding that the liability allocation and channeling provisions in the conventions were not applicable since the US was not party thereto.

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