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USCG – reimbursable standard rates



The US Coast Guard released its updated Reimbursable Standard Rates schedule. This is the rate that the Coast Guard will charge third parties for use of its assets (personnel and equipment) for such activities as oil spill response. [COMDTINST 7310.1P](#) [located at http://www.uscg.mil/directives/ci/7000-7999/CI_7310_1P.pdf] (2/11/15).

USCG – LNG as a marine fuel



The US Coast Guard posted the [remarks](#) of Captain John Mauger, USCG delivered at the Brookings Institute panel on LNG as a marine fuel [located at http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2015/03/16/3162015-brookings-institute-panel-on-lng-as-a-marine-fuel/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+MaritimeCommons+%28Maritime+Commons%29]. (3/16/15).

DOE – application to export LNG



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a notice stating that it received an application from Eni USA Gas Marketing LLC requesting authorization to export liquefied natural gas (LNG) previously imported into the United States from foreign sources from the Cameron LNG Terminal. Comments on the application must be received by 16 April. **80 Fed. Reg. 13841** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-03-17/pdf/2015-05950.pdf>] (3/17/15).

DHS OIG – USCG Biometrics at Sea System



The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Inspector General (OIG) issued a **report** [located at http://www.oig.dhs.gov/assets/Mgmt/2015/OIG_15-41_Mar15.pdf] 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). *Note: When included in the previous newsletter, the link was inadvertently omitted. My bad.*

Australia – ship routing measures



The IMO issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.imo.org/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/06-coral-sea-routeing.aspx#.VQdMitLF98E>] stating that the Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communications and Search and Rescue (NCSR 2) agreed on ship routing measures to protect sensitive areas in Australia's Coral Sea region. The matter now goes to the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) for consideration. (3/16/15).

Great Barrier Reef – dredge material disposal to be banned



The Honorable Greg Hunt MP, Australian Minister for the Environment, issued a **media release** [located at http://www.environment.gov.au/minister/hunt/2015/mr20150316.html?utm_source=mins&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=feed] stating that the Federal Government plans to ban capital dredge material disposal in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, ending a century-old practice. (3/16/15).

Somalia – support for Somali Coast Guard



The EU NAVFOR issued a [press release](#) [located at <http://eunavfor.eu/european-union-missions-work-together-to-support-somali-coast-guard-and-to-strengthen-its-maritime-security-capabilities/>] concerning recent assistance provided to the Somali Coast Guard to strengthen its maritime security capabilities. (3/16/15).

St. Patrick's Day – green beer all around



Tuesday is celebrated as [St. Patrick's Day](#), in memory of the priest [Saint Patrick](#) (circa AD 385-461) who chased all the lawyers (oops, I meant snakes) out of Ireland. Drink some green beer and be Irish, at least for a day. [Erin Go Bragh!](#)

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