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USN – operations near Yemen



The US Navy issued a [news release](#) [located at http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=86658] stating that it has increased its presence in the Arabian Sea, Gulf of Aden, the Strait of Bab-el-Mandeb and the Southern Red Sea as a result of the current instability in Yemen. The aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) and the cruiser USS Normandy (CG 60) have joined other US forces in conducting maritime security operations in these waters. (4/20/15).

St. Lawrence Seaway – closed due to grounding



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) [located at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2494354/>] stating that the bulk carrier Juno grounded in the St. Lawrence Seaway in the vicinity of the Thousand Islands Bridge. It is taking on water in one of the forward ballast tanks, but there have been no reports of injury or pollution. Vessel navigation is currently suspended in the vicinity of the grounding. Response efforts are underway. (4/20/15).

USCG – evaluating sea service aboard liftboats



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that it has developed a policy letter for evaluating sea service aboard liftboats. The policy letter is effective on 6 April. [80 Fed. Reg. 22118](#) [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-04-21/pdf/2015-09052.pdf>] (4/21/15).

Rhode Island Sound – safety zone proposed



The US Coast Guard proposes to establish a safety zone in Rhode Island Sound around the construction sites for the wind turbine generators of the Block Island Wind Farm during the period 1 July through 1 September. Comments on the proposal must be received by 21 May. [80 Fed. Reg. 22144](#) [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-04-21/pdf/2015-09036.pdf>] (4/21/15).

NOAA – humpback whale



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) proposes to revise its listing status of the humpback whale by dividing the globally listed endangered species into 14 distinct population segments (DPSs), removing the current species-level listing, and listing two DPSs as endangered and two DPSs as threatened. Comments on the proposal should be submitted by 20 July. [80 Fed. Reg. 22303](#) [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-04-21/pdf/2015-09010.pdf>] (4/21/15). NOAA issued a [news release](#) discussing the proposal.

ISAC – meeting



The Invasive Species Advisory Council (ISAC), sponsored by the Department of the Interior (DOI), will meet on 20-22 May in Silver Spring, Maryland. **80 Fed. Reg. 22221** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-04-21/pdf/2015-09054.pdf>] (4/21/15).

USCG NVMC – NOAD schema 3.5



The USCG National Vessel Movement Center (NVMC) issued an **announcement** [located at [https://www.nvmc.uscg.gov/NVMC/\(S\(vudmtt124iupx1003j2ypab4\)\)/News.aspx?newsId=94CF6E5B-ABB9-45E3-B8B1-100B015DB8FB](https://www.nvmc.uscg.gov/NVMC/(S(vudmtt124iupx1003j2ypab4))/News.aspx?newsId=94CF6E5B-ABB9-45E3-B8B1-100B015DB8FB)] stating that on 26 May it will release schema version 3.5, which will accommodate all new informational items published in the new 33 CFR 160 final rule (Vessel Requirements for Notices of Arrival and Departure, and Automatic Identification System). (4/20/15).

DOT – first LNG-powered container ship launched



The Department of Transportation (DOT) issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.dot.gov/fastlane/tote-lng-vessel-christened>] regarding the launch of the world's first LNG-powered container ship at the NASSCO shipyard in San Diego. (4/20/15).

NOAA – DWH early restoration projects



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/2015/04/deepwater-horizon-trustees-announce-agreement-in-principle-for-10-gulf-early-restoration-projects/>] stating that the Deepwater Horizon Trustees and BP have identified approximately \$134 million in projects to be included in the next proposed phase of early restoration. (4/20/15).

IMO – coordinated efforts sought re migrants



The IMO issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.imo.org/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/12-migrants-.aspx#.VTUgO9JVhBc>] calling for coordinated efforts to safeguard migrants trying to cross the Mediterranean to enter Europe in very unsafe manners. (4/20/15).

EU – developments in the Mediterranean



The EC issued a **press release** [located at http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-15-4813_en.htm?locale=en] announcing a ten-point action plan in response to the crisis situation in the Mediterranean. The plan includes increasing financial resources and the number of assets. Previously, the EU Council issued a **media release** [located at <https://eu2015.lv/news/media-releases/1306-statement-by-presidency-of-the-eu-council-on-developments-in-the-mediterranean>] expressing deep concerns about developments in the Mediterranean. Speedy action is needed to prevent further loss of life. The situation needs to be tackled at its roots. A full-fledged search and rescue operation should be set up. The matter is also addressed in a **press release** [located at http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_STATEMENT-15-4800_en.htm?locale=en] of the European Commission. (4/20/15).

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