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SHC – meeting on 26 May



The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC), sponsored by the Department of State (DOS), will meet on 26 May in Washington, DC to prepare for the upcoming session of the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 95). Topics on the agenda include maritime security, goal-based construction standards, and passenger ship safety. **80 Fed. Reg. 24311** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-04-30/pdf/2015-10148.pdf>] (4/30/15).

DOT – Marine Highway Projects



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) issued a **news release** [at http://www.marad.dot.gov/news_room_landing_page/news_releases_summar

y/news_release/dot4015.htm] stating that Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx has designated three new Marine Highway Projects: the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers Project; the Potomac River Commuter Ferry Project; and the proposed East of the Hudson River Project. (4/27/15).

NOAA – natural infrastructure strengthens coastal resilience



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a **news release** stating that a recent study found that natural infrastructure such as marshes, reefs, and beaches can strengthen coastal resilience from storms, flooding, erosion, and other threats. (4/29/15).

House –USCG authorization bill introduced



Representative Hunter (R-CA) introduced the **Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2015** (H.R. 1987) [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-114hr1987ih/pdf/BILLS-114hr1987ih.pdf>] to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2016 and 2017, and for other purposes. The House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure issued a **press release** [located at <http://transportation.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=398841>] discussing the measure. (4/23/15).

EP – CO2 emission monitoring & reporting



The European Parliament (EP) issued a **press release** stating that it has approved draft EU rules requiring ship owners using EU ports to monitor and report CO2 emissions each year. The text will be put to a vote in a forthcoming Council of Ministers meeting in order to come into force on 1 July 2015. The requirement, if finalized, will apply from 2018 on to ships over 5,000 gross tons, regardless of the country in which they are registered. (4/28/15).

Arctic Council – meeting



The Arctic Council issued a **news release** regarding its recent meeting in Iqaluit, Nunavut, Canada. Chairmanship of the Council passed from Canada to the United States. The theme of the two-year US chairmanship is “One Arctic: Shared Opportunities, Challenges, and Responsibilities”. (4/24/15).

Denmark – “Maritime Cloud”



The Danish Maritime Authority (DMA) issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.dma.dk/news/Sider/Newprojecttomakee-Navigationareality.aspx>] stating that the EU has approved a Danish-led maritime innovation project to enhance e-navigation through development of the “Maritime Cloud” and related digital services. (4/29/15).

India – repeal of obsolete rules considered



The Indian Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) issued a **notice** [located at http://dgshipping.gov.in/WriteReadData/News/201504280958010708212draft_notice_msl_280415.pdf] stating that it is considering repeal of 14 Merchant Shipping Rules due to obsolescence. Comments must be received by 28 May. (4/28/15).

Panama Canal – final new lock gate installed



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued a **press release** [located at <http://www.pancanal.com/eng/pr/press-releases/2015/04/28/pr547.html>] stating that the sixteenth and final gate for the new locks on the Pacific side of the Canal Expansion Project has been installed. The project is now 87.6% complete. (4/28/15).

UK – yacht Cheeki Rafiki report



The UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) issued the **report** of its investigation of the keel detachment and capsizing of the yacht Cheeki Rafiki during a trans-Atlantic Ocean crossing with the loss of four lives on 16 May 2014. (4/29/15).

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