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## OFAC – travel between US & Cuba



The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) posted [guidance](http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Programs/Documents/cuba_faq_ferry_05042015.pdf) [located at [http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Programs/Documents/cuba\\_faq\\_ferry\\_05042015.pdf](http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Programs/Documents/cuba_faq_ferry_05042015.pdf)] regarding travel (via aircraft or commercial passenger vessel) between the United States and Cuba. (5/5/15). *Note: The ferry may depart soon, but not tonight.*

## Great Lakes – US & Canadian icebreaking concludes



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2501058/) [located at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2501058/>] stating that it and the Canadian Coast Guard have concluded icebreaking operations on the Great Lakes for the season. During 122 days of operations, seven USCG and three CCG icebreakers spent more than 3,181 hours breaking ice for convoys and assisted in

677 commercial vessel transits to move an estimated 23.7 million tons of dry bulk and liquid cargoes with an estimated value of \$829 million. (5/4/15).

### USCG – STS transfer of oil cargoes



USCG Sector Houston-Galveston issued a Marine Safety Information Bulletin reminding stakeholders that the **new regulations** applicable to ship-to-ship (STS) transfer of oil cargoes involving at least one vessel that is more than 150 gross tons entered into effect on 5 May 2015. **MSIB 06-15** (5/5/15).

### Houston – MASTT port security training course



The Maritime Awareness Security & Terrorism Training (**MASTT**) port security training course, sponsored by, among others, the US Coast Guard and the FBI, will be held in Houston on 16 June. (5/5/15).

### FWS – Boating Infrastructure Grant Program



The Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) promulgated a final rule revising regulations governing administration of the national Boating Infrastructure Grant Program. The revisions enter into effect on 5 June. **80 Fed. Reg. 26149** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-05-06/pdf/2015-09961.pdf>] (5/6/15).

### NOAA – RESTORE Act Science Program



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a notice stating that it has prepared the final science plan for the NOAA RESTORE Act Science Program. **80 Fed. Reg. 26004** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-05-06/pdf/2015-10453.pdf>] (5/6/15).

### BSEE – launch of SafeOCS program



The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) issued a **press release** [located at <http://www.bsee.gov/BSEE-Newsroom/Press-Releases/2015/BSEE-Director-Brian-Salerno-Announces-Key-Efforts-to-Reduce-Risk-Offshore/>] announcing the launch of the SafeOCS program, an initiative aimed at collecting and analyzing “near miss” data. BSEE also posted its **2014 Annual Report**, summarizing oil and gas activities from the past year, presenting comparisons to previous years, and analyzing trends. (5/5/15).

## Australia – piracy and armed robbery against ships



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a notice providing guidance on preventing and suppressing acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships, with emphasis on piracy incidents in Asia. It includes a flow diagram for reporting incidents in Asia. **Marine Notice 07-2015** [located at <https://apps.amsa.gov.au/MOREview/MarineNoticeExternal.html>] (5/5/15).

## Forfeiture Act – 6 May 1796



Congress adopted the **Forfeiture Act**, 1 Stat. L. 461. Among other things, this law provided that one-half of all penalties, fines, and forfeitures incurred and paid under the impost (customs) laws of the United States and recovered in consequence of information given by any officer of a revenue cutter shall be paid to the officers of such cutter, to be divided among them in proportion to their pay. (5/6/1796). *Ah! Those were the days!*

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