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White House – National Oceans Month



President Barack Obama issued a **Proclamation** [located at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2015/05/29/presidential-proclamation-national-oceans-month-2015>] designating June 2015 as National Oceans Month. (5/29/15).

USCG – water jet devices



The US Coast Guard issued a Marine Safety Information Bulletin (MSIB) concerning operations involving water jet devices (WJD) on the navigable waters of the United States. **MSIB 04-15** [located at http://www.uscg.mil/msib/docs/004_15_6-1-2015.pdf] (6/1/15).

SHC – meeting re TC 65 & C 114



The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC), sponsored by the Department of State (DOS), will meet on 18 June in Washington, DC to prepare for the upcoming sessions of the IMO Technical Co-operation Committee (TC 65) and the IMO Council (C 114). **80 Fed. Reg. 31445** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-06-02/pdf/2015-13443.pdf>] (6/02/15).

SHC – meeting



The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC), sponsored by the Department of State (DOS) will meet on 2 July in Washington, DC to prepare for the upcoming session of the IMO Subcommittee on Implementation of IMO Instruments. **80 Fed. Reg. 31448** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-06-02/pdf/2015-13442.pdf>] (6/02/15).

FMC – Order of Investigation & Hearing



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a notice stating that an Order of Investigation and Hearing has been served with respect to possible violations of the Shipping Act by John T. Barbour and related entities. **80 Fed. Reg. 31376** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-06-02/pdf/2015-13157.pdf>] (6/02/15).

DOE – LNG export by Alaska LNG Project



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a **notice** [located at <http://www.energy.gov/articles/energy-department-authorizes-alaska-lng-project-llc-export-liquefied-natural-gas>] stating that it has issued conditional authorization for Alaska LNG Project, LLC to export domestically produced liquefied natural gas (LNG). (5/28/15).

Court – marine insurance coverage



The US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit affirmed the summary judgment in favor of defendant insurers concerning coverage under two policies issued to plaintiff dry dock owner regarding claims arising from the sinking of the dry dock, loaded with barrels of oil, during a typhoon. The hull and machinery policy required as a condition of coverage that the insured obtain and maintain

Navy Certification for the dry dock. The court held that strict compliance with the marine insurance policy warranties was required, even when the breach of warranty did not cause the loss. The ocean marine policy covered liability for property damage caused by pollutants. Evidence showed that no oil leaked out of the containers, even though they became submerged when the dry dock sank. The oil therefore caused no property damage. **Guam Industrial Services v. Zurich American Insurance**, No. 13-17005 (9th Cir., June 1, 2015) [located at <http://cdn.ca9.uscourts.gov/datastore/opinions/2015/06/01/13-17005.pdf>]. *Note: The lesson here is read your policy carefully (because the court certainly will), comply with the conditions, and know what is covered and what is not.*

Australia – emergency towage vessel exercises



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a **media release** [located at http://www.amsa.gov.au/media/documents/010515_MediaRelease_AMSAExerciseCairns.pdf] stating that exercises will be conducted in waters off North Queensland on 1-2 June to test the capabilities of the dedicated emergency towage vessel Coral Knight. (5/29/15).

New Zealand – biosecurity levy rates increase



The New Zealand Customs Service issued a **notice** [located at <http://www.customs.govt.nz/news/updates/Pages/new-biosecurity-levy-rates-from-1-July-2015-28052015.aspx>] stating that the biosecurity levy rates will be increased effective 1 July. (5/28/15).

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