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USN – assistance for persons found at sea



The US Navy issued a [news release](#) [located at http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=87598] stating that the USS Rushmore (LSD 47) rendered assistance to 65 people found adrift at sea in waters near Indonesia. The individuals were brought on board for medical attention and for coordination efforts with local officials. (6/10/15).

TSA – TWIC processing backlog reduced



The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) posted an [updated notice](#) [located at <http://www.tsa.gov/stakeholders/transportation-worker-identification-credential-twicR>] stating that the previously announced delay in processing some Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) applications has been resolved. Most applicants will receive a TWIC within a month of enrolling and often within about two weeks. Individuals are still encouraged to apply for their TWIC at least 10-12 weeks prior to when the card will be required. (6/11/15).

DOJ – \$750,000 payment for dumping oil



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a [news release](#) [located at <http://www.justice.gov/usao-ak/pr/shipping-company-sentenced-pay-750k-dumping-oil>] stating that the operator of the container ship Lindavia was sentenced to pay a total of \$750,000 in fines and community service payments for violating the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships (APPS) by intentionally dumping 1,780 gallons of oily waste water into the sea and then presenting a false oil record book (ORB) to the US Coast Guard. In addition, the company must implement a comprehensive environmental compliance program and serve three years of probation. (6/3/15).

FMC – \$430,000 in penalty payments collected



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a [news release](#) [located at <http://www.fmc.gov/NR15-07/>] stating that it has completed compromise agreements recovering a total of \$430,000 in civil penalties from six non-vessel-operating common carrier (NVOCCs) and one freight forwarder for alleged violations of the Shipping Act. (6/10/15).

NIST – Industrial Control Systems Security



The National Institute of Standards & Technology (NIST) posted a revised edition of its **Publication 800-82 – Industrial Control Systems Security** [located at <http://nvlpubs.nist.gov/nistpubs/SpecialPublications/NIST.SP.800-82r2.pdf>]. This document provides guidance on how to secure Industrial Control Systems (ICS), including Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems, Distributed Control Systems (DCS), and other control system configurations such as Programmable Logic Controllers (PLC), while addressing their unique performance, reliability, and safety requirements. The document provides an overview of ICS and typical system topologies, identifies typical threats and vulnerabilities to these systems, and provides recommended security countermeasures to mitigate the associated risks. (6/11/15).

NOAA – Cordell Bank & Farallones NMSs



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.noaanews.noaa.gov/stories2015/20150609-cordell-bank-farallones-national-marine-sanctuaries-expanded.html>] stating that the expansion of the boundaries of the Cordell Bank and Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuaries (the latter now known as Greater Farallones NMS) entered into effect on 9 June, following a 45-day period for Congressional review.

House – bill introduced re recreational vessels



Representative Israel (D-NY) introduced the Boating Occupancy and Teaching Safety Act or **BOATS Act** (H.R. 2700) [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-114hr2700ih/pdf/BILLS-114hr2700ih.pdf>] to require all recreational vessels to have and post passenger capacity limits, to amend title 46, United States Code, to authorize States to enter into contracts for the provision of boating safety education services under State recreational boating safety programs, and for other purposes. (6/9/15).

House – bill introduced re navigable waters



Representative Thornberry (R-TX) introduced the **Federal Regulatory Certainty for Water Act** (H.R. 2705) [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-114hr2705ih/pdf/BILLS-114hr2705ih.pdf>] to require all recreational vessels to have and post passenger capacity limits, to amend title 46, United States Code, to authorize States to enter

into contracts for the provision of boating safety education services under State recreational boating safety programs, and for other purposes. (6/9/15).

Court – Chukchi Sea spill response plan upheld



The US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit affirmed the district court's summary judgment in favor of federal defendants and Shell Gulf of Mexico and Shell Offshore in an action brought by environmental advocacy groups alleging that the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) acted unlawfully in approving two of Shell's oil spill response plans for its oil exploration leases in the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas. The court held that the federal approval was not arbitrary, capricious, or otherwise not in accordance with the law. [Alaska Wilderness League v. Jewell](#), No. 13-35866 (9th Cir., June 11, 2015) [located at <http://cdn.ca9.uscourts.gov/datastore/opinions/2015/06/11/13-35866.pdf>].

IMO – limits of liability for maritime claims



The IMO issued a [news release](#) [located at <http://www.imo.org/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/24-llmc-limits.aspx#.VXnCpPIVhBc>] reminding stakeholders that the increased limits of liability for maritime claims entered into effect on 8 June under the 1996 Protocol to amend the Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims, 1976 (LLMC Protocol 1996). (6/8/15).

ReCAAP – May report



The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre issued its [Report](#) [located at <http://www.recaap.org/Portals/0/docs/Reports/2015/ReCAAP%20ISC%20May%202015%20Report.pdf>] for May 2015. A total of 20 incidents were reported, of which two were acts of piracy and 18 were incidents of robbery onboard ship. The total level was the same as for May 2014, but an increase as compared to May 2013. (6/11/15).

Canada – dangerous goods transport



Transport Canada issued a [news release](#) [located at <http://news.gc.ca/web/article-en.do?nid=984949>] stating that it is proposing regulatory changes to strengthen the safe transportation of dangerous goods in all transportation sectors.

Canada – natural gas pipeline approved



Natural Resources Canada issued a [news release](#) [located at <http://news.gc.ca/web/article-en.do?nid=986479&tp=1>] that the recommendation of the National Energy Board (NEB) to conditionally approve the North Montney Mainline Pipeline project. The project will transport natural gas to the proposed Pacific NorthWest LNG export terminal planned for construction near Prince Rupert, British Columbia. (6/10/15).

Denmark – ship's medicine chest



The Danish Maritime Authority (DMA) issued a [news release](#) [located at <http://www.dma.dk/news/Sider/Changestomedicinechests%20A,B,CandCR.aspx>] stating that a change is being made to medicine chests A, B, C, and CR. Domperidone 30 mg suppositories have been withdrawn from the market. They are to be replaced by Domperidone 10 mg tablets. (6/11/15).

Gibraltar – use of LNG for bunkering



The Government of Gibraltar issued a [press release](#) [located at <https://www.gibraltar.gov.gi/new/sites/default/files/press/2015/Press%20Releases/395-2015.pdf>] regarding use of liquefied natural gas (LNG) for power generation and bunkering in Gibraltar. The Government states that, with proper planning and mitigation, use of LNG is entirely feasible and acceptable to UK standards of risk: to the level of one in a million year event. It also states that decisions must be based on actual plans and designs rather than on hypotheticals. (6/10/15). *Note: The press release also indicates that this is a significant partisan political issue in Gibraltar.*

India – blends of petroleum and biofuel cargoes



The Indian Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) issued a circular regarding carriage requirements for blends of petroleum oil and biofuel cargoes. [Engineering Circular 05-2015](#) [located at http://dgshipping.gov.in/WriteReadData/News/201506111117386611535engcir_5_2015_marpol.pdf] (6/10/15).

India – AFS Convention adopted



The Indian Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) issued a circular stating that India has acceded to the International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships, 2001 (AFS Convention). **Engineering Circular 04-2015** [located at http://dgshipping.gov.in/WriteReadData/News/201506091022512198555eng_cir_04_2015_eng_misc.pdf] (6/6/15).

New Zealand – diver dies following propeller strike



Maritime New Zealand issued a **media release** [located at <http://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/news/media-releases-2015/20150610a.asp>] stating that a dive company and a dive vessel operator have been fined following the death of a diver. The diver was assisting in the freeing of a snagged anchor when he was struck by a propeller and died. The incident was the result of a miscommunication between persons involved in the operation. The company and the operator were also directed to pay reparations. (6/10/15).

Panama Canal – toll estimator tool



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory stating that a **Toll Estimator** tool has been launched to assist users in the calculation of tolls under the new tolls structure for 2016. **Advisory 16-2015** [located at <http://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2015/a-16-2015.pdf>] (6/4/15).

Singapore – Day of the Seafarer



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a circular reminding stakeholders that the International Day of the Seafarer will be celebrated on 25 June 2015. **Shipping Circular 10-2015** [located at http://www.mpa.gov.sg/sites/circulars_and_notices/pdfs/shipping_circulars/sc_no_10_of_2015.pdf] (6/10/15).

UK – requirements for masters and deck officers



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued a Merchant Shipping Notice outlining the certification structure and examination and training requirements for UK merchant navy deck officers. **MSN 1856 (M+F)** [located at

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/433967/MSN1856_.pdf] (6/11/15).

UK – requirements for engineer officers



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued a Merchant Shipping Notice outlining the certification structure and examination and training requirements for UK merchant navy engineer officers. **MSN 1857 (M+F)** [located at https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/433978/MSN_1857.pdf] (6/11/15).

UK – requirements for deck officers on large yachts



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued a Merchant Shipping Notice outlining the certification structure and examination and training requirements for UK deck officers on large yachts (over 24 meters). **MSN 1858 (M+F)** [located at https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/433969/MSN1858.pdf] (6/11/15).

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