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USCG – Cyber Strategy



The US Coast Guard posted its [Cyber Strategy](http://www.uscg.mil/seniorleadership/DOCS/cyber.pdf) [located at <http://www.uscg.mil/seniorleadership/DOCS/cyber.pdf>]. It is intended to ensure the prosperity and security of the US Maritime Transportation System (MTS) in the face of a rapidly evolving cyber domain by means of defending cyberspace, enabling operations, and protecting critical infrastructure. (6/16/15).

Illinois River – barge breakaway



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2545490/) [located at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2545490/>] stating that two of the eight dry cargo barges being pushed by a towboat on the Illinois River broke free when contact was made with the protection cells of the Starved Rock Lock and Dam. The barges were subsequently recovered. There were no reports of injury or pollution. The incident is under investigation. (6/15/15).

FWS – green sea turtles



The Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) issued a notice stating that it will hold public meetings concerning proposed revisions of its listing of green sea turtles as endangered or threatened in American Samoa (6 July) and Guam (15 July). Comments on the proposal must be received by 27 July. **80 Fed. Reg. 34000** [located at] (6/17/15).

IMO – MSC 95 summary



The IMO issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/26-MS-C-95-ENDS.aspx>] summarizing the results of the recent session of the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 95). Among other things, the International Code of Safety for Ships using Gases or other Low-flashpoint Fuels (IGF Code) was adopted, along with amendments to the SOLAS Convention to make the Code mandatory. The Code has an expected date of entry into force of 1 January 2017. (6/16/15).

New Zealand – Border Clearance Levy



The Government of New Zealand issued a **notice** [located at <http://www.mpi.govt.nz/news-and-resources/consultations/border-clearance-levy/>] stating that the Ministry for Primary Industries and the New Zealand Customs Service seek comment on the new Border Clearance Levy which comes into effect on 1 January 2016. The levy will be assessed against travelers and crew of passenger aircraft and passenger vessels arriving at or departing from New Zealand to recover the cost of border clearance activities for international travelers (passenger and crew). Comments must be received by 28 July. (6/16/15).

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