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DOJ – operator sentenced for ORB violation



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a [news release](#) [located at <http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/shipping-company-fined-750000-environmental-crimes>] stating that the operator of the MV Murcia Carrier pleaded guilty in federal court to failing to maintain an accurate oil record book (ORB) in violation of the act to Prevent Pollution from Ships (APPS) and providing false statements to the US Coast Guard concerning the vessel's garbage record book. The company was sentenced to pay a criminal penalty of \$750,000 and placed on three years of probation. (6/17/15).

NTSB – Eastport pier collapse



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) posted its Marine Accident Brief (MAB) regarding the breakwater pier collapse in Eastport, Maine on 4 December 2014, with no injuries and minor pollution. The probable cause of the collapse was the failure of the lateral restraint system due to the structure's long-term deterioration. **MAB 15-11** [located at <http://www.nts.gov/investigations/AccidentReports/Reports/MAB1511.pdf>] (6/17/15).

NTSB – rulemaking procedures proposal



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) proposes to adopt a new provision to outline the agency's rulemaking procedures. Comments on the proposal must be submitted by 20 July. **80 Fed. Reg. 34874** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-06-18/pdf/2015-14517.pdf>] (6/18/15).

USCG – recreational boating safety projects



The US Coast Guard issued a notice providing a detailed accounting of the projects, programs, and activities funded under the national recreational boating safety program provision of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century during fiscal year 2014. **80 Fed. Reg. 34922** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-06-18/pdf/2015-14924.pdf>] (6/18/15).

DHS – semiannual regulatory agenda



The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) posted the semiannual regulatory agenda for itself and its components. **80 Fed. Reg. 35029** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-06-18/pdf/2015-14353.pdf>] (6/18/15). *Note: The semiannual regulatory agenda is more of an aspirational document than a schedule of when rulemakings will be promulgated.*

FMC – meeting on 24 June



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.fmc.gov/meeting-6-24-2015/>] stating that the Commissioners will meet on 24 June in Washington, DC. During the open session, they will consider: (1) public access to Commission information and

records; (2) the Howard Coble Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2014; (3) the Second Global Maritime Regulatory Summit; (4) the Maersk/MSC Vessel Sharing Agreement; (5) the Petition of United Arab Shipping Company for an exemption; and (6) port congestion and related international supply chain issues. During the closed session, they will consider the Pacific Ports Operational Improvement Agreement. (6/17/15).

Annapolis – replica French frigate L’ Hermione welcomed



The US Navy issued a [news release](#) [located at http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=87708] stating that the US Naval Academy and the City of Annapolis welcomed the arrival of the replica French frigate L’ Hermione. The original frigate carried the Marquis de Lafayette from Rochefort, France to Boston in 1780 with the welcome news that the French were sending arms, ships, and men to help the American colonists fight the British. (6/17/15).

House – bill introduced re hydrographic services



Representative Young (R-AK) introduced the [Hydrographic Services Improvement Amendments Act of 2015](#) (H.R. 2743) to reauthorize the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998, and for other purposes [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-114hr2743ih/pdf/BILLS-114hr2743ih.pdf>]. (6/11/15).

House – bill introduced re ICOOS



Representative Young (R-AK) introduced the [Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Amendments Act of 2015](#) (H.R. 2744) to reauthorize the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009, and for other purposes [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-114hr2744ih/pdf/BILLS-114hr2744ih.pdf>]. (6/11/15).

Canada – aquatic invasive species regulations



Fisheries and Oceans Canada issued a [news release](#) [located at <http://news.gc.ca/web/article-en.do?mthd=tp&crtr.page=1&nid=988389>] stating that it has promulgated new regulations to strengthen the prevention of aquatic invasive species (AIS) in Canadian waters. The regulations are intended to provide a comprehensive national AIS regulatory framework. (6/17/15).

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