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MERPAC – working group meeting



A working group of the Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC), sponsored by the US Coast Guard, will be held in Arlington, Virginia on 5-6 August. The purpose of the meeting is to work on Task Statement 30, concerning utilizing military education, training, and assessment for STCW and national certifications. **80 Fed. Reg. 38220** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-07-02/pdf/2015-16297.pdf>] (7/2/15).

FMC – access to information & records



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) promulgated a direct final rule governing access to FMC information and records and its regulations implementing the Freedom of Information act (FOIA). The rule will enter into force on 1 September unless significant adverse comment is received by 3 August.

80 Fed. Reg. 37997 [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-07-02/pdf/2015-16101.pdf>] (7/2/15).

FMC – attorney fees rule proposed



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) proposes to amend its Rules of Practice and Procedure governing awards of attorney fees in Shipping Act complaint proceedings and its regulations related to Commission terms and vacancies. Comments on the proposals must be received by 6 August. **80 Fed. Reg. 38153** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-07-02/pdf/2015-16260.pdf>] (7/2/15).

FERC – Port Arthur LNG EIS



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice stating that it intends to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the planned Port Arthur Liquefaction Project. A scoping meeting will be held in Port Arthur on 13 July. Comments must be received by 24 July. **80 Fed. Reg. 38189** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-07-02/pdf/2015-16311.pdf>] (7/2/15).

Singapore – portable atmosphere testing instruments



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a circular informing stakeholders of the entering onto force on 1 July 2015 of the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 implementing new SOLAS regulation XI-1/7 regarding carriage of portable atmosphere testing instruments. **Shipping Circular 12-2015** [located at http://www.mpa.gov.sg/sites/circulars_and_notices/pdfs/shipping_circulars/sc_no_12_of_2015.pdf] (6/26/15).

Singapore – EEDI amendments



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a circular informing stakeholders of the entering into force on 1 September 2015 of the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Air) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 concerning application of changes to the EEDI requirements of Annex VI of MARPOL 73/78. **Shipping Circular 13-2015** [located at http://www.mpa.gov.sg/sites/circulars_and_notices/pdfs/shipping_circulars/sc_no_13_of_2015.pdf] (6/26/15).

Amelia Earhart & Fred Noonan lost at sea – 2 July 1937



On 2 July 1937, the twin-engine Lockheed Electra 10E aircraft carrying aviatrix Amelia Earhart and her navigator Fred Noonan on an attempted circumnavigation of the Earth was lost at sea in the South Pacific Ocean. It had taken off hours earlier from Lae, New Guinea bound for refueling at Howland Island. Waiting at the island was the US Coast Guard cutter Itasca. The radioman on the Itasca heard radio calls from the aircraft reporting trouble locating the island and running low on fuel. His return calls were apparently not received by the aircraft. After the radio calls ceased and the aircraft had obviously exhausted its fuel, a search was commenced. Other vessels, including US Navy warships, and aircraft joined the search, but nothing was ever located. Recently, an independent search team found some evidence that an airplane may have crashed years previously on or near Nikumaroro Island in the Republic of Kiribati (previously known as Gardner Island), located about 400 miles south-southeast of Howland Island.

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