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IMO – Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea



The IMO issued a [news release](#) [located at <http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/32-bravery-2015-council.aspx>] stating that the 2015 Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea has been awarded to USCG Aviation Survival Technician Christopher Leon for risking his life to save four men from a sinking ocean-going rowing boat in a dramatic rescue in the dead of night in heavy seas in the Pacific Ocean. After he was lowered into the stormy sea and swam to the sinking boat, he placed three of the men in rescue baskets for hoisting to the hovering helicopter. The helicopter then had to return to shore for refueling. Rescue swimmer Leon remained with the fourth man in the sinking boat for two hours until the helicopter returned and hoisted them aboard. The pilot and the air crewman received Certificates of Commendation for their part in the rescue. (7/6/15).

Chukchi Sea – safety zone



The US Coast Guard promulgated a rule establishing a temporary safety zone, through 31 October, around the drill unit Polar Pioneer in waters of the Chukchi Sea over the US outer continental shelf. **80 Fed. Reg. 40903** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-07-14/pdf/2015-17129.pdf>] (7/14/15).

IMO – better focused regulations



The Danish Maritime Authority (DMA) issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.dma.dk/news/Sider/IMOstrengthenitsfocusonbetterregulation.aspx>] stating that, at its most recent session, the IMO Council reached agreement about a draft resolution establishing that international shipping regulations must be better focused. Unnecessary administrative burdens for seafarers and shipowners' shore-based offices are to be weeded out. (7/7/15).

Australia – death of second mate



The Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) issued a **notice** [located at http://www.atsb.gov.au/publications/investigation_reports/2015/mair/321-mo-2015-004.aspx] stating that it is investigating the death of a second mate from the bulk carrier Hyundai Dangjin at Cape Lambert, Western Australia on 10 July. The individual was reading draught marks from a rope ladder when he fell into the sea. A seaman on deck raised the alarm and jumped in to attempt a rescue. The third mate threw a lifebuoy to the second mate, but he was unable to hold on. The seaman was treated for hypothermia. The mate's body was recovered a short time later. (7/13/15).

Canada – Centre for Responsible Marine Shipping



Transport Canada issued a **news release** [located at <http://news.gc.ca/web/article-en.do;jsessionid=54773f80ff1b47cae5fda95c8a72a973f0f37af86cfa423944b0154c562dd922.e38RbhaLb3qNe38Rax90?mthd=advSrch&crtr.page=1&crtr.dpt1D=6695&nid=996619&crtr.tp1D=1>] announcing investment of C\$3.7 million for establishment of the Clear Seas Centre for Responsible Marine Shipping in Vancouver, British Columbia. The Centre will develop best practices for marine shipping, including the shipping of natural resource products and promote and facilitate research that supports the highest standards for safe and responsible marine transportation. (7/6/15).

Ireland – drilling off south coast



The Irish Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport issued a Marine Notice advising that a drilling operation will be undertaken off the south coast of Ireland through the end of August. Mariners should exercise caution when transiting the area. **Notice 34-2015** [located at http://www.dttas.ie/sites/default/files/MN34of2015_DrillingOperationsSouthCoastofIreland.pdf] (7/7/15).

Panama Canal – water conservation measures



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory stating that water conservation measures have been adopted, including the maximization of tandem lockages. **Advisory 19-2015** [located at <http://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2015/a-19-2015.pdf>] (7/3/15).

UK – mooring line failure



The UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) issued a safety bulletin regarding a mooring line failure resulting in serious injury to a deck officer on board the LNG carrier Zarga alongside South Hook LNG terminal in Milford Haven on 2 March 2015. Preliminary investigation revealed that the main mooring line was composed of high modulus synthetic material, having low elasticity and, consequently very little snap-back upon failure. A 22-meter tail with high elasticity had been fitted to reduce the risk of failure under peak dynamic load, but no risk analysis had been performed. When the mooring line failed under load, the high elasticity tail caused the entire mooring line to snap back, striking and injuring the deck officer. **Safety Bulletin 1-2015** [located at <https://assets.digital.cabinet-office.gov.uk/media/559bc377e5274a155c000023/MAIBSafetyBulletin1-2015.pdf>] (7/7/15).

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