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MARAD – People’s Choice Award nominations;  
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Singapore – unlicensed bunker supplier fined; and  
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## **USCG – precautions re Tianjin, China explosions**



The US Coast Guard issued a Marine Safety Information Bulletin concerning the August 2015 explosions in the port complex of Tianjin, China and precautions that vessel and facility agents, owners, masters, and operators should consider so as to minimize the risk of possible contamination. The Coast Guard is monitoring all US-bound cargo and vessel traffic that were in the port of Tianjin on or after 12 August. Representatives of impacted vessels (including those carrying cargo that was in Tianjin) should be prepared to demonstrate to the cognizant USCG Captain of the Port (COTP) and to Customs and Border Protection (CBP) authorities the actions that have been taken to ensure that no hazardous conditions exist onboard their vessels or with their cargo as a result of the explosions in Tianjin. **MSIB 07-15** [located at [http://www.uscg.mil/msib/docs/007\\_15\\_8-26-2015.pdf](http://www.uscg.mil/msib/docs/007_15_8-26-2015.pdf)] (8/26/15).

## MARAD – People’s Choice Award nomination



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.marad.dot.gov/newsroom/event/2015/marad-dtra-cape-ray-team-nominated-for-first-peoples-choice-award-3/>] stating that Timothy A. Blades (Defense Threat Reduction Agency); Paul S. Gilmour (MARAD); the crew of the Ready Reserve Force vessel Cape Ray; and personnel from the US Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center have been nominated for the Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Medal (also known as the People’s Choice Award) for their work in destroying Syria’s lethal chemical weapons at sea, a first in the history of chemical demilitarization. (8/26/15).

## NOAA – Monterey Bay NMS



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a notice stating that it is initiating a review of the management plan and regulations of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (NMS). Scoping meetings will be held in Monterey (10 September); Santa Cruz (23 September); and Cambria (23 October). Written comments should be received by 30 October. **80 Fed. Reg. 51973** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-08-27/pdf/2015-21132.pdf>] (8/27/15).

## Singapore – unlicensed bunker supplier fined



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a **news release** [located at [http://www.mpa.gov.sg/sites/global\\_navigation/news\\_center/mpa\\_news/mpa\\_news\\_detail.page?filename=nr150826.xml](http://www.mpa.gov.sg/sites/global_navigation/news_center/mpa_news/mpa_news_detail.page?filename=nr150826.xml)] stating that JL Petroleum Pte ltd pleaded guilty and was fined for supplying bunkers in the Port of Singapore without a valid bunker supplier license. (8/26/15).

## UK – port freight statistics



The UK Department for Transport (DfT) posted the **port freight statistics** for 2014 [available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/port-freight-statistics-2014-final-figures>]. Total seaborne freight remained unchanged from 2013 at 503.2 million tonnes. (8/26/15).

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