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USCG – MERPAC meeting rescheduled



The US Coast Guard issued a **notice** stating that the intersessional meeting of the Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC) working group regarding the review and update of IMO Circular MSC/Circ.1014 entitled “Guidelines on fatigue mitigation and management” will meet in Washington, DC on September 29-30 rather than on September 30-October 1 as originally scheduled. (9/23/15).

New Jersey – offshore wind energy lease sale



The Department of the Interior (DOI) issued a **press release** announcing that 343,833 acres offshore New Jersey will be offered for commercial wind energy development in a competitive lease sale on 9 November. Thirteen energy companies have been qualified to bid in the lease sale. Nine

commercial offshore wind energy leases have been awarded to date in federal offshore areas along the Atlantic seaboard. (9/23/15).

FMC – compensation for Carnival Liberty passengers



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **notice** [located at http://www.fmc.gov/alert_carnival_liberty_9-7-2015/] to passengers on Carnival Cruise Line's Carnival Liberty when a fire occurred in the vessel's engine room on 7 September 2015. The cruise line intends to compensate those passengers with a full refund of their cruise fare and a 50% discount on a subsequent 2-7 day Carnival cruise. This compensation will be in addition to the \$150 per person credit already extended to passengers. Additionally, Carnival will reimburse passengers for transportation and parking costs. (9/22/15).

House – bill introduced re maritime security



Representative Miller (R-MI) introduced a bill (H.R. 3586) to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to improve border and maritime security coordination in the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (9/22/15).

House – bill introduced re USMMA funding



Representative Israel (D-NY) introduced a bill (H.R. 3589) to amend title 46, United States Code, to ensure continuing funding for the United States Merchant Marine Academy. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Representative Israel issued a **press release** [located at <http://israel.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/rep-israel-announces-legislation-to-keep-merchant-marine-academy-open>] explaining the measure. (9/22/15).

Miami – deep dredge project completed



The State of Florida issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.flgov.com/2015/09/18/governor-rick-scott-port-miami-deep-dredge-gives-businesses-the-infrastructure-needed-for-growth/>] announcing completion of the Port Miami deep dredge project, deepening the port's main

harbor channel from 42 feet to a depth of 52 feet so as to accommodate Post-Panamax ships. (9/18/15).

IMO – World Maritime Day



The IMO commemorates World Maritime Day on 24 September 2015. The theme for this year's event is “**Maritime Education and Training**”.

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