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USCG – LNG bunkering recommendations



The US Coast Guard posted a **notice** announcing release by the Liquefied Gas Carrier National Center of Expertise (LGC NCOE) of Field Notice 01-15 – LNG Bunkering Recommendations. The notice provides recommendations to field units where bunkering of liquefied natural gas (LNG) for use as a marine fuel may occur to evaluate the safety of LNG bunkering operations. (9/25/15).

MERPAC – meeting on 22 October



The Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC), sponsored by the US Coast Guard, will meet on 22 October, via teleconference, to

discuss Task Statement 89, concerning the review and update of IMO Circular MSC/Circ.1014 – Guidelines on fatigue mitigation and management. **80 Fed. Reg. 59171** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-10-01/pdf/2015-24833.pdf>] (10/1/15).

DOE – LNG import & export



The Department of Energy (DOE) published a notice regarding recent orders granting authority to, among other things, import and export liquefied natural gas (LNG). **80 Fed. Reg. 59144** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-10-01/pdf/2015-24942.pdf>] (10/1/15).

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The Department of Energy (DOE) published a second notice regarding recent orders granting authority to, among other things, import and export liquefied natural gas (LNG). **80 Fed. Reg. 59143** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-10-01/pdf/2015-25032.pdf>] (10/1/15).

House – bill introduced to prohibit Arctic Ocean drilling



Representative Huffman (D-CA) introduced the **Stop Arctic Ocean Drilling Act of 2015** (H.R. 3632) [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-114hr3632ih/pdf/BILLS-114hr3632ih.pdf>] to prohibit drilling in the Arctic Ocean. Representative Huffman issued a **press release** [located at <http://huffman.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/rep-huffman-introduces-stop-arctic-ocean-drilling-act>] regarding the measure. (9/28/15).

CBO – impact of crude oil export



The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) posted its **Cost Estimate** [located at <https://www.cbo.gov/sites/default/files/114th-congress-2015-2016/costestimate/hr702.pdf>] of the financial impact of enacting H.R. 702, which would repeal certain restrictions on the export of domestically produced crude oil. The report estimates that enactment of the legislation would, over time, increase the cost of domestic crude oil by approximately \$2.50 per barrel and increase federal revenue from oil and gas leases by approximately \$1.4 billion over the 2016-2025 period. (9/29/15).

Court – Rule B attachment vacated



The US Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit affirmed the district court decision vacating a Rule B attachment in a long-running multi-party dispute involving claims by a maritime supplier, sale of the former “Love Boat”, bankruptcies, secret settlement agreements, and a trust fund managed by a party’s law firm. Lots of moving parts! **World Wide Supply OU v. Quail Cruises Ship Management**, No. 14-14838 (11th Cir., September 30, 2015) [located at <http://media.ca11.uscourts.gov/opinions/pub/files/201414838.pdf>].

Panama Canal – update on localized seepage



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued a **press release** [located at <http://www.pancanal.com/eng/pr/press-releases/2015/09/30/pr560.html>] stating that it received updated information from the contractor responsible for the design and construction of the Third Set of Locks. That updated information indicates that the localized seepage at one portion of the new Pacific locks was the result of insufficient steel reinforcement at that point, which will be remedied. Several other locks will also be provided with additional steel reinforcement, even though they have not exhibited seepage. The planned completion date of April 2016 has not been changed. (9/30/15).

Singapore – fund for building LNG-fueled vessels



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=nr150930.xml] inviting interested companies to tap a S\$12 million fund for the building of LNG-fueled vessels. (9/30/15).

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