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USCG – search for El Faro survivors suspended



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2608214/) [located at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2608214/>] stating that the active search for possible survivors from the cargo ship El Faro, which is believed to have sunk in the North Atlantic during Hurricane Joaquin, has been suspended after seven days. (10/7/15).

LA/LB – security zone



The US Coast Guard promulgated an interim rule establishing a security zone on waters of the Captain of the Port (COTP) Zone, Los

Angeles/Long Beach around escorted vessels. The rule enters into effect immediately. Comments on the rule must be received by 17 December. **80 Fed. Reg. 60803** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-10-08/pdf/2015-25557.pdf>] (10/8/15).

USCG – oil pollution research plan updated



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2608170/>] stating that the Interagency Coordinating Committee on Oil Pollution Research (ICCOPR) unanimously approved the Oil Pollution Research & Technology Plan for FY2015-2021. The plan's purpose is to provide current assessments of the nation's oil pollution research needs and priorities. (10/6/15).

NOAA – upgraded nowCOAST



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.noaanews.noaa.gov/stories2015/100715-noaa-online-map-update-offers-improved-coastal-observations-and-forecasts.html>] announcing the availability of the upgraded nowCOAST, a GIS-based online map service providing more frequently updated ocean observations along with coastal and marine weather forecasts. (10/7/15).

DOJ – former shipping executives indicted



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/three-ocean-shipping-executives-indicted-fixing-prices-and-rigging-bids>] stating that three former executives of Japanese ocean carriers have been indicted for participating in a long-running price-fixing conspiracy. The conspiracy involved allocating customers and routes, rigging bids, and fixing prices for the sale of international ocean shipments of roll-on, roll-off cargo to and from the United States. (10/6/15).

MARAD – marine emission-reducing innovations



The Department of Transportation (DOT) issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.transportation.gov/briefing-room/maritime-administration-advances-industry-environmental-efforts>] stating that the

Maritime Administration (MARAD) will provide over \$1 million to support the development of two new emission-reducing maritime solutions. The first is a liquefied natural gas (LNG) conversion demonstration project and the second is modification of an on-board air pollution control device. (10/5/15).

MARAD – multi-modal transportation hub



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) issued a **news release** [located at http://www.marad.dot.gov/newsroom/news_release/2015/u-s-department-of-transportation-celebrates-multi-modal-transportation-hub-made-possible-with-tiger-funding/] announcing completion of the South Harbor Project in Madison, Illinois, a multimodal transportation hub made possible with TIGER funding. (10/7/15).

New Zealand – container weight verification



Maritime New Zealand issued a **notice** [located at <http://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/Consultation/Container-verification/default.asp>] stating that it seeks comments on the recent SOLAS amendments that require container shippers to provide a verified weight in the shipping documents. The deadline for making comments is 30 October. (10/2/15).

Singapore – MSC 95 resolutions



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a 267-page circular regarding resolutions adopted by the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 95). **Shipping Circular 23-2015** [located at http://www.mpa.gov.sg/sites/circulars_and_notices/pdfs/shipping_circulars/sc_no_23_of_2015.pdf] (10/2/15).

UK – report re fire on ro-ro passenger ferry



The UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) issued the **report** [located at <https://www.gov.uk/maib-reports/fire-on-board-ro-ro-passenger-ferry-dieppe-seaways-resulting-in-3-people-injured>] of its investigation of the fire on ro-ro passenger ferry Dieppe Seaways while approaching the Port of Dover on 1 May 2014. Two crew members and a firefighter were seriously injured. An uncontrolled fire broke out in the furnace of the port thermal oil heater. The vessel was met on arrival at the berth by a team of firefighters, but liaison between the crew and the firefighters was

incomplete. When entry into the space was attempted, a backdraft resulted in a fireball that caused a number of casualties. (10/7/15).

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