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White House – El Faro marine casualty



The White House released the **statement** of President Obama regarding the El Faro marine casualty [located at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2015/10/07/statement-president-el-faro-cargo-ship>]. Remembering the tragic loss of the captain and crew, he noted that the nation's prosperity and quality of life depend upon men and women who serve aboard ships. He thanked those involved in the search for the El Faro and its crew and expressed his support for the investigation into the casualty. (10/7/15).

White House – Leif Erikson Day



The White House posted President Obama's **Proclamation** [located at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2015/10/08/presidential-proclamation-leif-erikson-day-2015>] designating October 9, 2015 as Leif Erikson Day 2015, in recognition of the Viking's perilous yet rewarding voyage to North America. (10/8/15).

DOS – meeting re IMO



The Department of State (DOS) will conduct an open meeting on 12 November in Washington, DC to prepare for the upcoming 28th Extraordinary Council Session (CES28) and the 29th Assembly (A29), and the 115th Council Session (C115) of the IMO. **80 Fed. Reg. 61267** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-10-09/pdf/2015-25791.pdf>] (10/9/15).

DOC – Commerce Control List



The Department of Commerce (DOC) issued a notice stating that it seeks comments on the inclusion on the Commerce Control List of certain items, including vessels of war, submersible vessels, oceanographic equipment, auxiliary and miscellaneous military equipment, and related items therefor. Comments must be received by 8 December. **80 Fed. Reg. 61137** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-10-09/pdf/2015-25752.pdf>] (10/9/15).

USN – MDA strategic plan



The US Navy issued a **news release** [located at http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=91417] stating that the Secretary of the Navy approved the DOD Strategic Plan for Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA). The plan will help synchronize DOD's efforts with national policy and investments in MDA, expand and reinforce ongoing efforts with interagency and international partners, guide future MDA investments, and provide a basis for enhanced decision making across the maritime community. (10/8/15).

NOAA – global coral bleaching event



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.noaanews.noaa.gov/stories2015/100815-noaa-declares-third-ever-global-coral-bleaching-event.html>] stating that the oceans are experiencing the third global coral bleaching event ever on record. This coincides with record ocean temperatures. (10/8/15).

Senate – bill introduced to limit offshore drilling



Senator Boxer (D-CA) introduced a bill (S. 2155) to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to permanently prohibit the conduct of offshore drilling on the outer Continental Shelf off the coast of California, Oregon, and Washington. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Senator Boxer issued a **press release** [located at <http://www.boxer.senate.gov/press/release/west-coast-senators-introduce-bill-to-protect-the-pacific-coast-from-offshore-drilling/>] explaining the measure. (10/7/15).

Washington – oil spill drill planner sought



The Washington Department of Ecology issued a **notice** [located at <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/washington/default.cfm?action=viewJob&jobID=1259508>] stating that it seeks qualified applicants for the position of Oil Spill Drill Specialist (Environmental Planner 3). Applications must be received by 19 October. (10/6/15).

Indian Ocean – piracy HRA reduction



The EU Maritime Security Centre-Horn of Africa (MSCHOA) issued a **notice** [located at http://www.mschoa.org/docs/default-source/public-documents/revisedbmp4_sec2_guidance_practical_measures_20151008.pdf?sfvrsn=2] stating that, effective 1 December, the piracy High Risk Area (HRA) in the Indian Ocean is being reduced in response to the growing containment of pirate attacks. A **chart** [located at <http://www.mschoa.org/docs/default-source/public-documents/vra-hra-registrationpoints.jpg?sfvrsn=2>] illustrating the reduction has also been posted. (10/8/15). *Note: This item was brought to my attention by my good friend Bryan Bittner of [Eagle Bulk Shipping](#).*

Denmark – EfficenSea2 project



The Danish Maritime Authority (DMA) issued a [news release](#) [located at <http://www.dma.dk/news/Sider/Yesterday,theinnovationprojectEfficienSea2wasqualifiedbyinternationalmaritimestakeholders.aspx>] stating that the innovation project EfficienSea2 has been qualified by international maritime stakeholders. The purpose of the project is to develop and implement e-navigation. (10/8/15).

Panama Canal – transit waiting time



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory stating that Condition 1.a will be implemented effective 12 October in an effort to reduce the extended waiting times currently being experienced for vessels seeking Canal transit. [Advisory 33-2015](#) [located at <http://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2015/a-33-2015.pdf>] (10/7/15).

USCG – Pea Island LSS



On 11 October 1896, the all-black crew of the [Pea Island Life-Saving Station](#), on the Outer Banks for North Carolina, conducted a heroic rescue after the schooner E.S. Newman grounded during a severe storm. The station was considered such arduous duty that the US Life-Saving Service (a predecessor of the US Coast Guard) could not keep it adequately manned. In 1880, the USLSS appointed Richard Etheridge, a former slave and a Union Army veteran, as station keeper. The station became the first with an all-black crew. The crew performed at a very high level until the station was disestablished in 1947. In 1996, the Coast Guard awarded the Gold Life-Saving Medal posthumously to Richard Etheridge and the 1896 crew.

Terrorist attack on USS Cole – 12 October 2000



USS Cole (DDG-67) is a guided missile-equipped destroyer homeported in Norfolk. While on patrol duty in the Indian Ocean, Cole entered the port of Aden, Yemen for routine refueling on 12 October 2000. Several hours later, while refueling was underway, a small craft approached the port side amidships. As the small craft made contact with Cole's hull, it exploded, creating a large hole (about 40 feet in diameter) in the side of the destroyer. The explosion killed 17 sailors and injured another 39. The destroyer was severely damaged, but returned to Norfolk on the heavy-lift ship

Blue Marlin. USS Cole returned to service on 29 November 2003. The Al Qaeda terrorist group claimed responsibility for the attack.

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