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## **CBP & Treasury – ACE filings**



The Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the Department of the Treasury promulgated an interim final rule amending regulations to reflect that on 1 November 2015, the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) will be a CBP-authorized Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) System. The Automated Commercial System (ACS) is being phased out as a CBP-authorized EDI System for processing electronic entry and entry summary filings (also known as entry filings). The ACE Cargo Release and Entry Summary, Accounts, and Revenue tests are also being concluded. These amendments enter into force on 1 November. Comments on the rule must be submitted by 12 November. **80 Fed. Reg. 61278** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-10-13/pdf/2015-25729.pdf>] (10/13/15).

## NOAA – National Sea Grant Advisory Board



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) seeks nominations for membership on the National Sea Grant Advisory Board. The Board will meet in Honolulu on 3-4 November. **80 Fed. Reg. 61375** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-10-13/pdf/2015-25681.pdf>] (10/13/15).

## FWS – polar bear 5-year review



The Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) issued a notice stating that it intends to conduct a 5-year review for the polar bear. Comments must be received by 14 December. **80 Fed. Reg. 61443** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-10-13/pdf/2015-25977.pdf>] (10/13/15).

## USAF – GPS Directorate meeting



The US Air Force (USAF) issued a notice stating that the Global Positioning System (GPS) Directorate will meet on 9-10 December in El Segundo. The purpose of the meeting is to update the public on GPS public document revisions and collect issues/comments for analysis and possible integration into future GPS public document revisions. **80 Fed. Reg. 61384** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-10-13/pdf/2015-25917.pdf>] (10/13/15).

## House – maritime port cyber-security



The Border and Maritime Security Subcommittee of the House Committee on Homeland Security conducted a hearing entitled: **Protecting Maritime Facilities in the 21st Century: Are Our Nation's Ports at Risk for a Cyber-Attack?** [located at <https://homeland.house.gov/hearing/protecting-maritime-facilities-in-the-21st-century-are-our-nations-ports-at-risk-for-a-cyber-attack/>]. Testimony was heard from: RADM Paul Thomas, USCG; Mr. Gregory C. Wilshusen, GAO; Mr. Randy D. Parsons, Port of Long Beach; and Mr. Jonathan Sawicki, Ports of Brownsville and Harlingen. (10/8/15).

## Court – waters of the United States



The US Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit stay of enforcement of the recent EPA and Army Corps of Engineers regulation defining waters of the

United States for purposes of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (also known as the Clean Water Act). Eighteen states brought suit against the agencies contend that the new rule dramatically expands federal jurisdiction and upsets the pre-existing federal-state balance. The court found that the states are likely to ultimately prevail and would be irreparably harmed absent a stay. **Ohio v. EPA**, No. 15-3799 (6th Cir., October 9, 2015) [located at <http://www.ca6.uscourts.gov/opinions.pdf/15a0246p-06.pdf>].

### **Singapore – financial support re CoC revalidation**



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a circular advising that local seafarers (Singapore citizens and Singapore permanent residents) may be eligible for financial support from the Maritime Cluster Fund for costs involved in taking additional courses to meet the requirements of the 2010 Manila Amendments to the STCW Convention for revalidation of Certificates of Competency (CoCs). **Shipping Circular 24-2015** [located at [http://www.mpa.gov.sg/sites/circulars\\_and\\_notices/pdfs/shipping\\_circulars/sc\\_no\\_24\\_of\\_2015.pdf](http://www.mpa.gov.sg/sites/circulars_and_notices/pdfs/shipping_circulars/sc_no_24_of_2015.pdf)] (10/8/15).

### **Panama Canal – new tonnage record**



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.pancanal.com/eng/pr/press-releases/2015/10/09/pr561.html>] stating that a record 340.8 Panama Canal tons (PC/UMS) transited through the Canal during fiscal year 2015. This represents a 4.3% increase over the previous record, set in 2012, and a 7% increase over the 2014 traffic level. (10/9/15).

### **Continental Navy – founded 13 October 1775**



The **United States Navy** is celebrating the 240th anniversary of its founding. On 13 October 1775, the Continental Congress established the Continental Navy. The Continental Navy was disbanded as a separate entity after the Revolution, but reestablished as the US Navy when Congress, on 27 March 1794, directed the construction and manning of six frigates, whose original mission was to attack the Barbary pirates. From these humble beginnings has been created the most powerful Navy ever, a portion of which is once again deterring pirates. Happy birthday, tars!

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