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Great Lakes – buoy retrieval



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) [located at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2611770/>] stating that it has commenced withdrawing buoys from waters of the Great Lakes in anticipation of winter icing conditions. Some will be replaced with lighter wintermarks that are designed to ride beneath the ice but remain on location. (10/14/15).

USCG – Waves on the Waterfront



The US Coast Guard posted the October 2015 edition of [Waves on the Waterfront](#) [located at

[http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg544/Waves%20on%20the%20Waterfront/WavesOnTheWaterfront%20\(October%202015\).pdf](http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg544/Waves%20on%20the%20Waterfront/WavesOnTheWaterfront%20(October%202015).pdf)]. This edition includes questions from the field concerning smart phone TWIC readers; secure area vs. restricted area; and container seals. (10/14/15).

FMC – meeting on 21 October



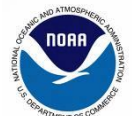
The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.fmc.gov/meeting-9-21-2015/>] stating that the Commissioners will meet on 21 October in Washington, DC. During the open session, they will consider: (1) Amendments to Regulations Governing Ocean Transportation Intermediary Licensing and Financial Responsibility, and General Duties; (2) FMC information technology modernization; (3) FMC Continuity of Operations Plan; and (4) US-Japan maritime discussions. During the closed session, they will consider a regulatory review of service contracts and NVOCC service agreements. (10/14/15).

CBP – ACE Document Image System



The Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued a notice announcing its plan to modify the National Customs Automation Program (NCAP) test concerning the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) Document Image System (DIS) test. Among other things, eligibility to participate in the test is being expanded to include anyone transmitting cargo release or entry summary information to ACE. The list of eligible forms and documents is also being expanded. The modifications enter into effect immediately. **80 Fed. Reg. 62082** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-10-15/pdf/2015-26213.pdf>] (10/15/15).

NOAA – NARW vessel speed restrictions



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a notice stating that it has denied a petition to exclude federally-maintained dredged channels and pilot boarding areas for ports from New York to Jacksonville from the vessel speed restrictions that were established to reduce the threat of vessel collisions with North Atlantic right whales (NARWs). **80 Fed. Reg. 62008** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-10-15/pdf/2015-26225.pdf>] (10/15/15).

FMC – individual service contract amendments



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a notice stating that it received a petition from Crowley Caribbean Services and Crowley Latin America Services for an exemption from the rule requiring individual service contract amendments. Crowley will soon acquire the assets of ocean common carrier Seafreight Line, including its service contracts. The petition requests that Crowley be permitted to submit a universal notice to the FMC and all affected service contract parties in lieu of individual filings. Comments on the petition must be submitted by 23 October. **80 Fed. Reg. 62075** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-10-15/pdf/2015-26170.pdf>] (10/15/15).

FERC – Alaska LNG Project



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice stating that, as part of its preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Alaska LNG Project, it will hold public scoping meetings in Nikiski (October 27); Kaktovik (October 27); Houston, AK (October 28); Barrow (October 28); Trapper Creek (October 29); and Nuiqsut (October 29). Written comments must be received by 4 December. **80 Fed. Reg. 62064** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-10-15/pdf/2015-26187.pdf>] (10/15/15).

UNSC – migrant smuggling



The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) adopted a resolution deploring the continuing maritime tragedies in the Mediterranean Sea involving the smuggling of migrants and the hundreds of casualties. It calls on Member States to assist Libya in building needed capacity to secure its borders and authorizes Member States to seize vessels confirmed as being used for migrant smuggling. **Resolution 2240 (2015)** [located at [http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=S/RES/2240\(2015\)](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=S/RES/2240(2015))] (10/9/15).

Paris MOU – general inspection information



The Paris MOU issued a **press release** [located at <https://www.parismou.org/general-inspection-information-now-available-paris-mou-site>] announcing availability of general inspection information compiled during EU port state control inspections. One option allows examination by various selection criteria. The second option shows the top 20 deficiencies per area of safety, environment, and living and working conditions. (10/14/15).

New Zealand – border clearance levy



The New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries issued a **notice** [located at <http://mpi.govt.nz/news-and-resources/consultations/border-clearance-levy/>] stating that, effective 1 January 2016, the border clearance levy for arriving and departing passengers will be increased to \$18.76 (plus GST) for air travelers and those arriving on private craft and to \$22.80 (plus GST) for cruise ship passengers. The levy is higher for cruise ship passengers because of the additional time and resources needed for biosecurity risk assessments at ports. (10/14/15).

Singapore – ECDIS guidance



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a circular stating that the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 95) approved guidance for good practice for ships using electronic chart display and information system (ECDIS) and electronic nautical publications. **Shipping Circular 25-2015** [located at http://www.mpa.gov.sg/sites/circulars_and_notices/pdfs/shipping_circulars/sc_no_25_of_2015.pdf] (10/14/15).

Tank Ship Patriot – 15 October 1995



On 15 October 1995 (20 years ago) the tank ship Patriot, owned and operated by Conoco, incurred damage and nearly grounded in the Bay of Campeche during Hurricane Roxanne. At Conoco's request, the incident was investigated by the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB). The NTSB **report** [located at <http://www.nts.gov/investigations/AccidentReports/Reports/MAR9701S.pdf>] found that probable cause of the incident was the master's decision to sail his vessel into the predicted path of a hurricane, a decision that resulted from the company's ineffective management of the movements of its vessels and inadequate shoreside support for critical shipboard decisions affecting vessel safety.

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