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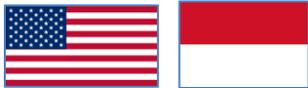
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US & Indonesia – maritime cooperation



The White House issued a **Fact Sheet** [located at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2015/10/26/fact-sheet-us-indonesia-maritime-cooperation>] on US-Indonesia maritime cooperation. The parties will work together on, among other things, marine science & technology and improving security at sea and in ports. (10/26/15).

White House – Critical Infrastructure Security



President Barack Obama issued a **Proclamation** [located at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2015/10/29/presidential-proclamation-critical-infrastructure-security-and>] designating November 2015 as Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Month. (10/29/15).

NTSB – VTS study



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) issued a **notice** [located at http://www.nts.gov/safety/safety-studies/Pages/VTS_Safety_Study.aspx] stating that it is conducting a study to assess the effectiveness of Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) systems operated by the US Coast Guard. Comments must be received by 1 December. (10/29/15).

NGA – Bowditch update



The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) issued a **news release** [located at <https://www.nga.mil/MediaRoom/News/Pages/NGA-to-update-Bowditch,-seeks-public-input.aspx>] stating that The American Practical Navigator (aka Bowditch) is due for an update. NGA seeks input from navigators the world over in an effort to keep the publication current. The deadline for comments is 30 June 2016. (9/28/15).

USCG – training on LNG bunkering



The US Coast Guard issued a **notice** [located at <http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2015/10/29/10292015-lgc-ncoe-trains-coast-guard-personnel-on-lng-bunkering/>] stating that the Liquefied Gas Carrier National Center of Expertise (LGC NCOE) partnered with the American Bureau of Shipping (ABS) to hold a webinar to train Coast Guard personnel on bunkering of liquefied natural gas-fueled marine vessels. (10/29/15).

FMC – OTI rules approved



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.fmc.gov/NR15-17/>] stating that the Commission voted to issue a final rule on ocean transportation intermediary (OTI) licensing and financial responsibility requirements and directed staff to prepare an advance

notice of proposed rulemaking concerning service contracts and NVOCC service arrangements. (10/22/15).

FMC – Earth Day Award nominations open



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.fmc.gov/chairman%E2%80%99s-earth-day-award-2016/>] announcing that nominations are now open for the FMC Chairman's Earth Day Award, recognizing members of the maritime transportation industry for innovations and successes in developing environmentally sustainable shipping practices. Nominations must be received by 25 March 2016. (10/23/15).

DOJ – APL Limited to pay \$9.8 million



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/apl-ltd-pay-98-million-resolve-alleged-false-claims-under-department-defense-shipping>] stating that APL Limited has agreed to pay \$9.8 million to resolve alleged false claims in connection with a contract to provide GPS tracking of shipping containers in Afghanistan. (10/27/15).

DOJ – tuna fleet companies to pay \$1 million



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/tuna-fleet-companies-pay-over-1-million-civil-penalties-and-perform-fleet-wide-compliance>] stating that three tuna fleet companies have agreed to pay \$1.05 million in civil penalties and to perform fleet-wide inspections and take corrective measures to resolve claims stemming from an oil spill in American Samoa and violations of oil spill prevention regulations. (10/28/15).

BLS – workplace injuries and illnesses



The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/osh.pdf>] concerning employer-reported workplace injuries and illnesses for 2014. Overall, the trend is down and the water transportation industry did better than most. (10/29/15).

IWUB – meeting on 2 December



The Inland Waterways Users Board (IWUB), sponsored by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), will meet on 2 December in St. Charles, Missouri. Topics on the agenda include the Inland Marine Transportation System Capital Investment Strategy, modifications to the Lock Performance Monitoring System, and reporting navigation notices to maritime interests. **80 Fed. Reg. 66887** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-10-30/pdf/2015-27759.pdf>] (10/30/15).

Alabama – settlement with Transocean



Alabama Governor Robert Bentley issued a **press release** [located at <http://governor.alabama.gov/newsroom/2015/10/governor-bentley-announces-20-million-transocean-settlement/>] announcing that the state has agreed to a settlement with Transocean Offshore Deepwater Drilling, Inc., which owned the MODU Deepwater Horizon, involved in the 2010 oil spill. Under the settlement, Alabama will receive \$20 million for damages suffered. (10/22/15).

California – Marine Invasive Species Act



The California State Lands Commission (SLC) posted a **letter** to stakeholders and interested parties [located at http://www.slc.ca.gov/Programs/MISP/AB1312Letter_15Oct15.pdf] stating that the Legislature passed and the Governor signed **AB 1312** [located at http://ct3k1.capitoltrack.com/Bills/15Bills%5Casm%5Cab_1301-1350%5Cab_1312_bill_20151008_chaptered.pdf]. The bill amends the California Marine Invasive Species Act by, among other things, delaying until 1 January 2020 implementation of the interim ballast water discharge performance standards and delaying until 1 January 2030 implementation of the final ballast water discharge performance standards. The bill also authorizes the SLC to enforce vessel biofouling management requirements. (10/15/15).

UK – engine room fire



The UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) posted the report of its investigation of a main engine room fire on board the ro-ro passenger ferry *Pride of Canterbury* while berthing in Calais on 29 September 2014. The back pressure valve in the starboard controllable pitch propeller hydraulic system jammed shut, causing the oil pressure in the return line to rise, leading to a rupture in the pipework joint. The rupture sprayed oil onto the

exhaust uptakes, causing a significant fire in the engine room, which was extinguished by the ship's hi-fog system. **Report 22-2015** [located at <https://www.gov.uk/maib-reports/fire-in-engine-room-on-ro-ro-passenger-ferry-pride-of-canterbury>] (10/29/15).

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