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NASA – Antarctic ice accumulation; and
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NTSB – El Faro update



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) issued a [press release](http://www.nts.gov/news/press-releases/Pages/PR20151103a.aspx) [located at <http://www.nts.gov/news/press-releases/Pages/PR20151103a.aspx>] stating that the wreck found in deep water off the Bahamas has been confirmed as the cargo ship El Faro. The wreck is upright, but the navigation bridge and the deck below have separated from the vessel and have yet to be located. The voyage data recorder (VDR) has also not been located. Survey of the area continues. (11/3/15).

USCG – relocation of MSC



The US Coast Guard posted a [notice](http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2015/11/03/1132015-relocation-of-the-marine-safety-center-updated-information-on-how-to-make-plan-submissions-new-contact-information/) [located at <http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2015/11/03/1132015-relocation-of-the-marine-safety-center-updated-information-on-how-to-make-plan-submissions-new-contact-information/>] stating that on 19-20 November, the Marine Safety Center (MSC) will be relocating to the USCG Headquarters site. The new main

telephone number for the MSC will be (202) 795-6729. The notice includes information on how to make plan submissions. (11/3/15).

Mayport – port call by Chinese frigate



The US Navy issued a **news release** [located at http://www.navy.mil/view_image.asp?id=205548] stating that the Chinese frigate Yiyang (FFG 548) is making a port call at Naval Station Mayport, Florida. USS Iwo Jima (LHD 7) will host the China's Peoples Liberation Army-Navy (PLA(N)) vessel for a routine port visit. (11/3/15).

NASA – Antarctic ice accumulation



The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.nasa.gov/feature/goddard/nasa-study-mass-gains-of-antarctic-ice-sheet-greater-than-losses>] stating that an increase in Antarctic snow accumulation that began 10,000 years ago is currently adding enough ice to the continent (particularly in East Antarctica) to outweigh the increased losses from its thinning glaciers (which is occurring primarily in coastal areas of West Antarctica). This gain of ice moderates (but does eliminate) worldwide sea level rise. (10/30/15).

House – bill introduced re cybersecurity



Representative Torres (-) introduced the **Strengthening Cybersecurity Information Sharing and Coordination in Our Ports Act of 2015** (H.R. 3878) [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-114hr3878ih/pdf/BILLS-114hr3878ih.pdf>] to enhance cybersecurity information sharing and coordination at ports in the United States, and for other purposes. (11/2/15).

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