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## USCG – safety alert re large dryers



The US Coast Guard issued an alert warning owners, operators, and masters of vessels employing large laundry operations and extra-large capacity dryers of potential fire hazards. **Safety Alert 11-15** [located at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg545/alerts/1115.pdf>] (11/9/15).

## CMTS – P3s in the Arctic Region



The Committee on the Marine Transportation System (CMTS) issued a **notice** [located at <http://www.cmts.gov/Bulletin.aspx?id=102>] stating that, on 18 November, it will be hosting a webinar and conference call to learn of existing or planned infrastructure public-private partnerships (P3s) related to the

marine transportation system in the Arctic Region and to receive recommendations and ideas regarding the use of P3s in the Arctic. (11/6/15).

### **Port Hueneme – \$12.3 million TIGER grant**



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) issued a **news release** [located at [http://www.marad.dot.gov/newsroom/news\\_release/2015/u-s-department-of-transportation-announces-12-3-million-tiger-grant-for-the-port-of-hueneme-intermodal-improvement-project-in-port-hueneme/](http://www.marad.dot.gov/newsroom/news_release/2015/u-s-department-of-transportation-announces-12-3-million-tiger-grant-for-the-port-of-hueneme-intermodal-improvement-project-in-port-hueneme/)] announcing the award to the Port of Hueneme of a \$12.3 million TIGER grant for the Intermodal Improvement project. (10/30/15).

### **New Orleans – \$10 million TIGER grant**



The Department of Transportation (DOT) issued a **press release** [located at <http://www.transportation.gov/briefing-room/us-department-transportation-announces-10-million-tiger-grant-new-orleans-canal-street>] announcing the award to the New Orleans Regional Transit Authority of a \$10 million TIGER grant to replace and modernize the terminal at the New Orleans Canal Street Ferry. (11/5/15).

### **Offshore New Jersey – wind energy lease sale**



The Department of the Interior (DOI) issued a **press release** [located at <https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/interior-department-auctions-344000-acres-offshore-new-jersey-wind-energy-development>] stating that it held a competitive lease sale of nearly 344,000 acres of federal law offshore New Jersey for wind energy development.

### **House – bill introduced re offshore drilling**



Representative Huffman (D-CA) introduced the **West Coast Ocean Protection Act of 2015** (H.R. 3927) [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-114hr3927ih/pdf/BILLS-114hr3927ih.pdf>] 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. Representative Huffman issued a **press release** [located at <http://huffman.house.gov/media->

center/press-releases/rep-huffman-garamendi-lead-west-coast-members-in-introducing] explaining the measure. (11/4/15).

### **Panama Canal – measures to reduce waiting times**



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory discussing measures already undertaken to reduce the backlog of waiting vessels and announcing the temporary suspension of certain booking slots until acceptable levels of waiting times are reached. **Advisory 35-2015** [located at <http://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2015/a-35-2015.pdf>] (11/8/15).

### **UK – MLC 2006 guidance**



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) posted a Marine Guidance Note providing stakeholders with updated guidance on the five titles of the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) 2006 and the regulations applying to UK ships. **MGN 471** [located at [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/441053/MGN\\_471\\_MLC\\_Definitions.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/441053/MGN_471_MLC_Definitions.pdf)] (11/6/15).

### **SS Edmund Fitzgerald – 10 November 1975**



On 10 November 1975, the laker **Edmund Fitzgerald** sank in Lake Superior with a loss of all 29 hands. It was one of the largest ships on the Great Lakes, carrying over 26,000 tons of taconite ore between Duluth/Superior and the steel mills to the south. The “Fitz” had departed on 9 November in tandem with another laker, but sailed directly into an early winter storm. It sank suddenly, without making a distress call, at about 7:30 p.m., in heavy snow with winds gusting to hurricane force and seas exceeding 30 feet in height. Gordon Lightfoot memorialized the casualty in his hit song “**The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald**”.

### **Veterans Day/Remembrance Day/Armistice Day**



Wednesday, November 11, will be marked as the 97th anniversary of the signing of the armistice ending World War I - the war to end all wars, as it was proclaimed at the time. The day is commemorated as **Veterans Day** in the United States; as **Remembrance Day** in the Commonwealth nations; and as **Armistice Day** in France and Belgium. On this day, we also should remember the sacrifices of our military personnel, as well as those of the merchant marine who deliver vital supplies across dangerous seas in time of conflict.

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