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MV El Faro – bridge deck located



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) issued a Twitter message (**Tweet**) [located at <https://twitter.com/NTSB>] stating that the bridge deck of the sunken cargo ship El Faro has been located and that the search is ongoing for the vessel (sic) data recorder (VDR). (11/12/15).

CBP & Treasury – bond program



The Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the Department of the Treasury promulgated a final rule implementing regulations that serve to centralize the processing of continuous bonds at CBP's Revenue Division within the Office of Administration. The rule enters into effect on

December 14. [80 Fed. Reg. 70154](#) [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-11-13/pdf/2015-28503.pdf>] (11/13/15).

USCG – recreational boating safety grants



The US Coast Guard seeks comments on whether it should modify or move forward with its tentative list of topics on which to invite applications for fiscal year 2016 grants to nonprofit organizations so as to promote recreational boating safety. Comments must be submitted within 30 days. [80 Fed. Reg. 70239](#) [located at] (11/13/15).

FMC – meeting on 17 November



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a notice stating that the Commissioners will meet on 17 November in Washington, DC. During the open session, they will receive a briefing on the Danish Maritime Forum. During the closed session, they will receive a briefing on the FMC-Transpacific Stabilization Agreement Semi-Annual Meeting and there will be a regulatory review of the Ocean Common Carrier and Marine Terminal Operator Agreements Subject to the 1984 Shipping Act. [80 Fed. Reg. 70211](#) [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-11-13/pdf/2015-29161.pdf>] (11/13/15).

Mobile – oil spill test burns



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) [located at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2636990/>] stating that controlled oil spill response test burns will be conducted at Little Sand Island on Mobile Bay on 13-15 November, weather permitting, to gather critical data to help determine best practices for operational use of in-situ burning, develop new equipment and procedures, and train response personnel. (11/12/15).

Hawaii – whale disentanglement training



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) [located at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2636982/>] stating that it and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) are conducting joint whale disentanglement training in Hawaiian waters. (11/12/15).

UNSC – counter-piracy patrols off Somalia



The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) adopted a resolution continuing for another twelve months the authority of Member States to conduct counter-piracy patrols in waters off the coast of Somalia and to take other appropriate actions. [\(Resolution 2246 \(2015\)\)](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=S/RES/2246(2015)) [located at [\(http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=S/RES/2246\(2015\)\)](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=S/RES/2246(2015)) (11/10/15)].

Canada – discharge of untreated wastewater



Environment Canada issued a [news release](http://news.gc.ca/web/article-en.do?nid=1020009&tp=1) [located at <http://news.gc.ca/web/article-en.do?nid=1020009&tp=1>] stating that it has conditionally approved the proposal of the City of Montreal to discharge approximately 1.76 billion gallons of untreated wastewater into the St. Lawrence River during construction work on its sewage treatment system. (11/9/15).

Yarmouth Castle fire and sinking – 13 November 1965



The passenger ship *SS Yarmouth Castle* caught fire and sank on November 13, 1965 while en route from Miami, Florida to Nassau, Bahamas. Of the 376 passengers and 176 crew on board, 88 passengers and two crew died. The ship was built in 1927 with a wooden superstructure. Wood and other flammable materials were used throughout the ship. As the [US Coast Guard investigation](#) noted, the foreign-flag vessel was not subject to USCG inspection. Passenger ship construction standards were subsequently strengthened and US law was amended to provide for examination by the Coast Guard of foreign passenger vessels embarking passengers in a US port to ensure compliance with international standards.

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