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White House – building maritime capacity in SE Asia;
House – hearing on charting the Arctic;
House – bill introduced to protect orcas;
Denmark – emergency exercise; and
Panama Canal – Booking Condition 1.

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White House – building maritime capacity in SE Asia



The White House issued a [Fact Sheet](https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2015/11/17/fact-sheet-us-building-maritime-capacity-southeast-asia) [located at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2015/11/17/fact-sheet-us-building-maritime-capacity-southeast-asia>] regarding building maritime capacity in Southeast Asia. The goal is to enable allies and partners to modernize their maritime capabilities in order to address the evolving dynamics of the region. Specific assistance will be provided to the Philippines, Vietnam, Indonesia, and Malaysia. (11/17/15).

House – hearing on charting the Arctic



Two subcommittees of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs conducted a joint hearing entitled [Charting the Arctic: Security, Economic, and Resource Opportunities](http://foreignaffairs.house.gov/hearing/joint-subcommittee-hearing-charting-arctic-security-economic-and-resource-opportunities) [located at <http://foreignaffairs.house.gov/hearing/joint-subcommittee-hearing-charting-arctic-security-economic-and-resource-opportunities>]. Testimony was received

from Admiral Robert Papp, US Special Representative for the Arctic; RADM Timothy Gallaudet, Oceanographer and Navigator, USN; and VADM Charles Michel, Vice Commandant, USCG. (11/17/15).

House – bill introduced to protect orcas



Representative Schiff (D-CA) introduced a bill (H.R. 4019) to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to prohibit the taking, importation, and exportation of Orcas and Orca products for public display, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Representative Schiff issued a [press release](http://schiff.house.gov/news/press-releases/rep-schiff-to-introduce-orca-act-to-phase-out-display-of-captive-killer-whales) [located at <http://schiff.house.gov/news/press-releases/rep-schiff-to-introduce-orca-act-to-phase-out-display-of-captive-killer-whales>] explaining the measure. (11/16/15).

Denmark – emergency exercise



The Danish Maritime Authority (DMA) issued a [news release](http://www.dma.dk/news/Sider/DanishMaritimeAuthorityemergencymanagementstrengthenedbynationalemergencyexercise.aspx) [located at <http://www.dma.dk/news/Sider/DanishMaritimeAuthorityemergencymanagementstrengthenedbynationalemergencyexercise.aspx>] stating that the national emergency exercise KRISØV 2015 was conducted on 11 November, involving more than 30 ministries, agencies, and foreign embassies. The exercise simulated response to a collision between a Russian nuclear-powered vessel and a cargo vessel in Danish waters. (11/16/15).

Panama Canal – Booking Condition 1



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory announcing that Booking Condition 1 is being implemented, with modifications, effective 20 November based on a decrease in waiting time for transiting vessels. [Advisory 36-2015](http://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2015/a-36-2015.pdf) [located at <http://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2015/a-36-2015.pdf>] (11/16/15).

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