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USCG – BWM explained



The US Coast Guard posted a six-part series of articles regarding its regulations and policies with respect to ballast water management (BWM). The **first part** is introductory in nature. The **second part** discusses the 2012 ballast water regulations. The **third part** compares the US requirements to the IMO BWM Convention. The **fourth part** explains the difference between living and viable for BWM purposes. The **fifth part** explains the BWM system type-approval process. The **sixth part** discusses the type-approval challenges for industry. (12/9/15). *Note: These documents provide an excellent overview of the BWM process from the Coast Guard's perspective.*

FMC – meeting on 16 December



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** [located at http://www.fmc.gov/meeting_dec_16_2015/] stating that the Commissioners will meet in Washington, DC on 16 December. In the open session, they will be briefed on the PONYNJ Terminal Information Portal System (TIPS); US-China bilateral discussions; the 2015 World Shipping Summit, the Alternative Dispute Resolution; Arbitration-Regulatory Review; and the West Coast Marine Terminal Operator Agreement. In the closed session, they will receive a staff briefing on the West Coast Marine Terminal Operator Agreement. (12/9/15).

DOJ – settlement with Bollinger Shipyards



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/bollinger-shipyards-agrees-settle-false-claims-act-suit>] Bollinger Shipyards will pay the United States \$8.5 million and release contract claims to settle a False Claims Act relating to work performed on a fleet of US Coast Guard 110-foot patrol boats. (12/9/15).

EPA & CBP – illegal vehicles and engines seized



The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a **news release** [located at <http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/doc6618525a9efb85257359003fb69d/d4601695d9f1ae7a85257f160063de13!OpenDocument>] stating that in Joint Operation Stop Your Engine, conducted with the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) in the ports of Los Angeles, Long Beach, and Oakland, more than 1,394 items (including engines, scooters, and ATVs) were seized, re-exported, or destroyed and fines totaling \$94,700 were assessed for the attempted importation of foreign-made vehicles and engines without proper emissions controls. (12/9/15).

House – USCG Authorization Act introduced



Representative Hunter (R-CA) introduced the **Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2015** (H.R. 4188) [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-114hr4188ih/pdf/BILLS-114hr4188ih.pdf>] to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2016 and 2017, and for other purposes. (12/8/15).

Seattle – Pier 91 environmental study



The Washington Department of Ecology issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/news/2015/177.html>] stating that the Port of Seattle plans to include underwater lands to its ongoing investigation of environmental contamination at Pier 91, the former site of a US Navy supply depot. (12/4/15).

India – licenses and chartering permissions



The Indian Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) issued a circular announcing the procedure for online issuance of licenses and chartering permissions for foreign flag vessels. **Shipping Development Circular 04-2015** [located at http://dgshipping.gov.in/WriteReadData/News/201512090508032529645sdcir4_2015.pdf] (12/8/15).

UK – container vessel/tanker collision



The UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) issued the report of its investigation on the collision between the container ship Ever Smart and the tanker Alexandra 1 on 11 February 2015 in Jebel Ali, UAE. A harbor pilot was transferring from the outbound container ship to the inbound tanker when the ships collided at the entrance to the port's approach channel. Neither vessel was properly monitoring the other's position and movements. **Report 28-2015** [located at https://assets.digital.cabinet-office.gov.uk/media/5665aff8e5274a0367000010/MAIBInvReport-28_2015.pdf] (12/9/15).

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