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## **DOS – meeting re IMO SDC-3**



The Department of State (DOS) issued a notice stating that a meeting will be held on 6 January 2016 in Washington, DC to prepare for the upcoming session of the IMO Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Construction (SDC 3). Topics on the agenda include: intact stability criteria; towing, lifting, and anchor handling operations; passenger ship evacuation analysis; and offshore construction support vessels. [80 Fed. Reg. 77075](https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-12-11/pdf/2015-31269.pdf) [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-12-11/pdf/2015-31269.pdf>] (12/11/15).

## **FMC – meeting on 16 December**



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued an official notice 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. [80 Fed. Reg. 76988](https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-12-11/pdf/2015-31414.pdf) [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-12-11/pdf/2015-31414.pdf>] (12/11/15).

## Guam – commercial port improvement project



The Department of Transportation (DOT) issued a [news release](https://www.transportation.gov/briefing-room/maritime-administration-celebrates-completion-guam-commercial-port-improvement-project) [located at <https://www.transportation.gov/briefing-room/maritime-administration-celebrates-completion-guam-commercial-port-improvement-project>] stating that the Guam Commercial Port Improvement Project has been completed. The \$50 million project was administered by the Maritime Administration (MARAD) on behalf of the Department of Defense. (12/10/15).

## House – Coast Guard Authorization Act passed



The House has passed the [Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2015](https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-114hr4188ih/pdf/BILLS-114hr4188ih.pdf) (H.R. 4188) [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-114hr4188ih/pdf/BILLS-114hr4188ih.pdf>]. The measure now must be reconciled with its Senate counterpart. (12/10/15). Note: The version of the bill passed by the House is not yet available. The linked version is as introduced.

## Panama Canal – November summary



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued a summary of Canal operations during November. [Advisory 38-2015](https://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2015/a-38-2015.pdf) [located at <https://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2015/a-38-2015.pdf>] (12/7/15).

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