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USCG & USN – stealth medevac;
USN – Gulf of Guinea Maritime Security Forum;
DOJ – former engineering officers charged;
Port of Baltimore – clean diesel grant; and
Court – forum non conveniens.

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San Francisco – containers overboard



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) [located at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2766186/>] stating that twelve largely empty shipping containers were washed overboard during heavy weather from the ship Manoa off San Francisco. One container has washed ashore at Baker Beach. (12/3/15).

USCG & USN – stealth medevac



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) [located at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2766046/>] with an attached video showing a Coast Guard helicopter hoist a fisherman from the stern of the US Navy's new stealth destroyer Zumwalt. The destroyer was conducting sea trials offshore when a call was received from a nearby fishing vessel that a crew member was having medical difficulties. The crew member was transferred to

Zumwalt and then to the USCG helicopter for medical evacuation to hospital ashore. (12/12/15).

USN – Gulf of Guinea Maritime Security Dialogue



The US Navy issued a **news release** [located at http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=92381] stating that military leaders from more than forty nations attended the Gulf of Guinea Maritime Security Dialogue 2015 in Annapolis, Maryland. (12/10/15).

DOJ – former engineering officers charged



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/engineering-officers-charged-scheme-cover-oil-discharges-cargo-vessel>] stating that two former engineering officers on the cargo vessel Ocean Hope have been charged with crimes relating to the illegal discharge of oily wastes directly into the sea, including the maintenance of a false oil record book and obstruction of justice. (12/11/15).

Port of Baltimore – clean diesel grant



The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a **news release** [located at <http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/doc6618525a9efb85257359003fb69d/6002a44990bbd3d485257f180053161a!OpenDocument>] an \$870,000 grant has been awarded to the Port of Baltimore to help fund the replacement of 25 drayage trucks with newer, less polluting ones. (12/11/15).

Court – forum non conveniens



In an unpublished decision, the US Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit affirmed the conditional dismissal under forum non conveniens of plaintiffs in rem action to enforce a maritime lien for bunkers supplied to the vessel's voyage charterer in Hong Kong. **A/S Dan-Bunkering v. MV Centrans Demeter**, No. 15-11541 (11th Cir., December 11, 2015) [located at <http://media.ca11.uscourts.gov/opinions/unpub/files/201511541.pdf>].

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