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Western Rivers – navigation restrictions



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2772818/) [located at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2772818/>] updating the various navigation restrictions established on different portions of the Western Rivers (primarily the Mississippi River and its tributaries) due to high water and fast currents. These restrictions are subject to change. (1/5/16).

MARAD – Small Shipyard Grant Program



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) issued a notice stating that, under the Small Shipyard Grant Program, there is currently \$4.9 million available for grants for capital and related improvements to qualified shipyard facilities that will be effective in fostering efficiency, competitive operations, and quality ship construction, repair, and reconfiguration. Applications must be

received by 16 February. **81 Fed. Reg. 569** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-01-06/pdf/2015-33315.pdf>] (1/6/16).

USN – maintaining maritime superiority



The US Navy posted “**A Design for Maintaining Maritime Superiority**”, addressing how the Navy will adapt to changes in the security environment and continue to fulfill its mission [located at http://www.navy.mil/cno/docs/cno_stg.pdf]. The document identifies four lines of effort: (1) strengthen naval power at and from the sea; (2) achieve high velocity learning at every level; (3) strengthen our Navy Team for the future; and (4) expand and strengthen our network of partners. (1/5/16).

California – BWM and hull husbandry



The California State Lands Commission (SLC) issued a **letter** to shipping agents and interested parties [located at http://www.slc.ca.gov/Programs/MISP/Compliance_and_Reporting/2016LetterToAgents.pdf] regarding ballast water management (BWM) and hull husbandry requirements. (12/29/15).

Denmark – sulphur emissions enforcement



The Danish Maritime Authority (DMA) issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.dma.dk/news/Sider/Authoritiesstrengthencontrolofships%27sulphuremissions.aspx>] stating that it and the Environmental Protection Agency have published an **action plan** with the purpose of strengthening enforcement of regulations on ships' sulphur emissions in both Denmark and the SECA countries. (1/5/16).

UK – seafarer training



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) posted **guidance** [located at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/uk-seafarer-careers-training-provision-and-information>] regarding training for seafarers including career information, written and oral exam syllabuses, and details for nautical colleges and training centers. (1/5/16).

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