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## USCG – Polar Icebreaker Acquisition Program



The US Coast Guard issued a [bulletin](http://www.uscg.mil/acquisition/icebreaker/default.asp) [located at <http://www.uscg.mil/acquisition/icebreaker/default.asp>] announcing commencement of the [Polar Icebreaker Acquisition Program](#). The Coast Guard is moving forward on its heavy polar icebreaker recapitalization efforts and plans to begin production activities in 2020. In early 2016, it will hold an industry day event that may be combined with one-on-one meetings with interested vendors. (1/13/16). *Note: This step follows President Obama's 1 September 2015 announcement on the critical need for polar icebreakers.*

## USCG – Lower Mississippi at Vicksburg



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2775746/) [located at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2775746/>] stating that, after the third

tug-barge allision with the Vicksburg Railroad Bridge in three days on the Lower Mississippi River, it is evaluating additional navigation safety measures. (1/14/16).

### **NTSB – Most Wanted List**



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) issued its **2016 Most Wanted List** [located at <http://www.nts.gov/safety/mwl/Pages/default.aspx>]. None of the listed safety improvements are unique to the maritime sector, but several, such as reduce fatigue-related accidents; disconnect from deadly distractions; and require medical fitness for duty, have maritime industry aspects. (1/13/16).

### **FERC – Cameron LNG expansion**



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice stating that intends to issue an environmental assessment of the proposed expansion of the Cameron LNG terminal project on 12 February. **81 Fed. Reg. 2206** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-01-15/pdf/2016-00703.pdf>] (1/15/16).

### **MMC – meetings in Alaska**



The Marine Mammal Commission (MMC) issued a notice stating that it will hold public meetings concerning marine mammal issues in Barrow (3 February); Kotzebue (5 February); Nome (9 February); and Anchorage (11 February). **81 Fed. Reg. 2243** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-01-15/pdf/2016-00692.pdf>] (1/15/16).

### **Denmark – North Sea wind energy industry**



The Danish Maritime Authority (DMA) issued a **Summary Report** [located at <http://www.soefartsstyrelsen.dk/Documents/Publikationer/ReportOnNorthSeaRegulationAndStandards.pdf>] on maritime and offshore regulations and standards applicable to vessels in the North Sea wind energy industry, including Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom. (1/14/16).

### **Singapore – dues concession for container vessels**



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a circular announcing an additional 10% port dues concession for container vessels carrying out cargo works of not more than five days. **Port Marine Circular 02-2016** [located at [http://www.mpa.gov.sg/sites/circulars\\_and\\_notices/pdfs/port\\_marine\\_circulars/pc16-02.pdf](http://www.mpa.gov.sg/sites/circulars_and_notices/pdfs/port_marine_circulars/pc16-02.pdf)] (1/14/16).

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