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## MARAD – US-flag launch barges



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) issued a notice updating its inventory of US-flag launch barges. Comments on the inventory should be submitted by 3 March. [81 Fed. Reg. 5512](https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-02-02/pdf/2016-01871.pdf) [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-02-02/pdf/2016-01871.pdf>] (2/2/16).

## USCG – awards for excellence in maritime security



The US Coast Guard issued a **notice** stating that the solicitation period for nominations for the Rear Admiral Richard E. Bennis Awards for excellence in maritime security has been extended until 29 February. (1/29/16).

## USCG – cyber risk discussions



The US Coast Guard issued a **notice** addressing how vessel and facility owners and operators can enhance their cyber security by discussing their

issues with Coast Guard inspectors, as well as the Area Maritime Security Committees. (2/1/16).

### **FMC – Supply Chain Innovation Teams to be formed**



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.fmc.gov/NR16-01/>] stating that the Commissioners issued an Order directing Commissioner Rebecca Dye to work with international supply chain stakeholders to form Supply Chain Innovation Teams that will develop commercial solutions to supply chain challenges and related port congestion concerns. (2/1/16).

### **WHO – Zika virus recommendations**



The World Health Organization (WHO) issued a **statement** [located at <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/statements/2016/1st-emergency-committee-zika/en/>] on the Zika virus, declaring it a global health emergency due to the observed increase in neurological disorders and neonatal malformations. In addition to recommending enhanced surveillance of Zika virus infection and enhanced vector control measures, the WHO advises that there should be no restrictions on travel or trade with countries, areas, and/or territories with Zika virus transmission. (2/1/16).

### **Ground Hog's Day – 2 February 2016**



February 2 is celebrated as **Ground Hog's Day** throughout the civilized world (i.e., Canada and the United States). On this day, if the ground hog (or woodchuck) comes out of its burrow and fails to see its shadow, winter will end in six weeks. If, though, the ground hog sees its shadow, then spring will arrive in a month and a half. In the 1993 movie, the title role was played by Bill Murray. (2/2/16).

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