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USCG – State of the Coast Guard Address



The 2016 State of the Coast Guard Address (SOTCGA) will be delivered at 1400 EST on 23 February by the Commandant, Admiral Paul F. Zukunft. The SOTCGA will be **digitally broadcast** [located at <http://www.uscg.mil/CoastGuard2016>]. (2/19/16).

USCG & FMC – container weight listening session



The US Coast Guard posted a **notice** summarizing the recent USCG-FMC container weight listening session. (2/22/16).

USCG – BWM reporting form



The US Coast Guard posted a **notice** stating that, due to delays in availability of the new ballast water management reporting form, vessels may continue to utilize the old form until 1 May. (2/22/16).

USCG – shale gas extraction waste water



The US Coast Guard issued a notice announcing withdrawal of its previously proposed policy letter concerning the carriage of shale gas extraction waste water in bulk via barge. Barge owners may continue to request case-by-case approval to transport such waste water under current regulations by providing recent detailed chemical composition, environmental analyses, and other information for each individual tank barge load. **81 Fed. Reg. 8976** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-02-23/pdf/2016-03674.pdf>] (2/23/16).

DOE – Marine and Hydrokinetic R&D



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a notice stating that it will host an Executive Summit on Marine and Hydrokinetic Research and Development on Washington, DC on 2 March. **81 Fed. Reg. 8948** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-02-23/pdf/2016-03764.pdf>] (2/23/16).

OFAC – apparent violations of Cuban sanctions



The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) issued a **notice** [located at https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/CivPen/Documents/20160222_CGG.pdf] stating that CCG Services S.A. has agreed to pay \$614,250 to settle potential civil liability for alleged violations of the Cuban Assets Control Regulations. The company and its affiliates provide services, spare parts, and equipment for oil and gas exploration and seismic surveys. On various occasions, the company and its affiliates appear to have committed violations by, among other things, exporting spare parts and other equipment from the United States to vessels operating in Cuban waters. (2/22/16).

NPS – SS Badger now National Historic Landmark



The National Park Service (NPS) issued a [press release](http://www.nps.gov/aboutus/news/release.htm?id=1785) [located at <http://www.nps.gov/aboutus/news/release.htm?id=1785>] stating that the coal-fired car ferry SS Badger has been designated as a National Historic Landmark. It is the last remaining example of the Great Lakes rail/car ferry design. (2/18/16).

Paris & Tokyo MOUs – enclosed space entry



The Paris MOU issued a [press release](https://www.parismou.org/concentrated-inspection-campaign-crew-familiarization-enclosed-space-entry-paris-mou-has-raised) [located at <https://www.parismou.org/concentrated-inspection-campaign-crew-familiarization-enclosed-space-entry-paris-mou-has-raised>] stating that the Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on crew familiarization with enclosed space entry, conducted from 1 September through 30 November 2015, indicate that the subject is taken seriously by the maritime industry. (2/22/16).

Singapore – paint thinner in shipboard barbeque pit



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a circular warning against the use of paint thinner and other inappropriate fuels to ignite and sustain barbeque pits on board vessels. It recommends that the ship's safety management system (SMS) be amended to consider the risk of fire and explosion when using inappropriate fuels for such purposes. [Shipping Circular 4-2016](http://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/port-of-singapore/circulars-and-notice/detail/od75c90b-0508-4339-871f-4a38aa818fed) [located at <http://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/port-of-singapore/circulars-and-notice/detail/od75c90b-0508-4339-871f-4a38aa818fed>] (2/17/16). *Note: The SMS should include a broad warning concerning the risks inherent in stupidity.*

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