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USCG – seeking marine transportation system manager



The US Coast Guard posted a **job announcement** stating that it seeks qualified applicants for the position of Director of Marine Transportation System Management. Applications must be received by 15 April. (3/17/16) [located at <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/432926000>].

Long Island Sound – security zone proposed



The US Coast Guard proposes to establish a permanent security zone within USCG Sector Long Island Sound COTP Zone in the vicinity of escorted vessels. Comments must be received by 27 May. **81 Fed. Reg. 17120** [located at

<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-03-28/pdf/2016-06911.pdf>
(3/28/16).

DOE – application to export previously imported LNG



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a notice stating that it received an application from Cheniere Marketing LLC for authorization to export previously imported LNG. Comments must be received by 27 April. **81 Fed. Reg. 17161** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-03-28/pdf/2016-06913.pdf>] (3/28/16).

FERC – Golden Pass LNG project EIS



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a **news release** stating that the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Golden Pass LNG project in Texas and Louisiana has been completed. Comments must be received by 16 May. (3/25/16) [located at <http://www.ferc.gov/industries/gas/enviro/eis/2016/03-25-16-eis.asp>].

DOJ – USN Captain sentenced in bribery scandal



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a **news release** stating that US Navy Captain Daniel Dusek was sentenced to 46 months in prison and to pay a \$70,000 fine and \$30,000 in restitution for giving classified information to a foreign defense contractor in exchange for prostitutes, luxury travel, and other gifts. He is the highest ranking official charged in the massive Navy bribery scandal. (3/25/16) [located at <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/highest-ranking-navy-official-sentenced-46-months-prison-accepting-bribes-foreign-defense>].

House – bill introduced re central Delaware River



Representative Brady (D-PA) introduced a bill (**H.R. 4858**) to provide a declaration of nonnavigability for the central Delaware River, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and for other purposes. (3/23/16) [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-114hr4858ih/pdf/BILLS-114hr4858ih.pdf>].

House – bill introduced re Rivercenter, Philadelphia



Representative Brady (D–PA) introduced a bill ([H.R. 4859](#)) to extend the declaration of nonnavigability in perpetuity for Rivercenter, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (3/23/16) [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-114hr4859ih/pdf/BILLS-114hr4859ih.pdf>].

Court – causation not proved



In an unpublished decision, the US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit affirmed the district court’s ruling that defendant owner of the vessel Nature’s Way Commander is not liable for the sinking of plaintiff’s two vessels. Plaintiff contended that the engine maneuvers of defendant’s vessel in freeing itself from a grounding created extreme wave wash that broke the mooring lines of plaintiff’s vessels and allowed the hull of one of those vessels to be punctured by a protruding bolt from a large piece of timber. The appellate court ruled that the district court’s findings were not clearly erroneous. [Osprey Underwriting Agency v. Nature’s Way Marine](#), No. 15-30602 (5th Cir., March 25, 2016) [located at <http://www.ca5.uscourts.gov/opinions/unpub/15/15-30602.o.pdf>].

UK – enclosed space entry



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) posted a [notice](#) providing presentations pertaining to enclosed space entry accidents, causes, and training. (3/25/16) [located at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/enclosed-spaces-on-sea-going-vessels>].

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