

## Headlines:

MARAD – new Marine Highway Projects;  
SLSDC – Pacesetter Award winners announced;  
California – Ocean-Going Vessel Fuel Regulation; and  
IMO – mandatory electronic data exchange.

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## **MARAD – new Marine Highway Projects**



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) issued a **news release** stating that three new Marine Highway Projects have been designated. (4/8/16) [located at [http://www.marad.dot.gov/newsroom/news\\_release/2016/secretary-foxx-designates-three-marine-highway-projects-2/](http://www.marad.dot.gov/newsroom/news_release/2016/secretary-foxx-designates-three-marine-highway-projects-2/)].

## **SLSDC – Pacesetter Award winners announced**



The Department of Transportation (DOT) issued a **news release** stating that the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (SLSDC) announced that six US ports in the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway System received its Robert L. Lewis Pacesetter Award for registering increases in international cargo tonnage shipped through their ports during the 2015 navigation season. (4/11/16) [located at <https://www.transportation.gov/briefing-room/saint-lawrence-seaway-development-corporation-announces-pacesetter-award-winners-2015>].

## California – Ocean-Going Vessel Fuel Regulation



The California Air Resources Board (ARB) issued a notice stating that its Ocean-Going Vessel Fuel Regulation will remain in effect for at least two more years while the agency evaluates whether the federal government has adopted and enforced requirements that achieve equivalent emissions reductions. **Marine Notice 2016-1** (April 2016) [located at [http://www.brymarconsulting.com/wp-content/uploads/Misc/ARB\\_MN\\_2016-1.pdf](http://www.brymarconsulting.com/wp-content/uploads/Misc/ARB_MN_2016-1.pdf)].

## IMO – mandatory electronic data exchange



The IMO issued a **news release** stating that the Facilitation Committee (FAC) adopted mandatory requirements for the electronic exchange of information on cargo, crew, and passengers as part of a revised and modernized annex to the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic (FAL). The new standard is expected to enter into force on 1 January 2018 under the tacit acceptance procedure. (4/11/16) [located at <http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/08-FAL-40.aspx>].

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