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OEAB – meeting on 26-27 April



The Ocean Exploration Advisory Board (OEAB), sponsored by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), will meet on 26-27 April in Washington, DC. **81 Fed. Reg. 21847** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-04-13/pdf/2016-08430.pdf>] (4/13/16).

ANSTF – meeting on 4-6 May



The Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force (ANSTF), sponsored by the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), will meet on 4-6 May in Traverse City,

Michigan. Topics on the agenda include interbasin transfer of aquatic invasive species and Asian carp risk assessments. **81 Fed. Reg. 22299** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-04-15/pdf/2016-08733.pdf>] (4/15/16).

DOE – application to export CGL



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a notice stating that it received an application from SeaOne Gulfport LLC seeking authorization to export natural gas contained in Compressed Gas Liquid (CGL) by vessel. Comments on the application must be received by 17 June. **81 Fed. Reg. 22585** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-04-18/pdf/2016-08884.pdf>] (4/18/16).

FMC – meeting on 20 April



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a notice stating that the Commissioners will meet in open session on 20 April in Washington, DC. Topics on the agenda include: an update on the Supply Chain Innovation Team; upgrade of the FMC Online Agreement Library; an optional method of filing Ocean Common Carrier and Marine Terminal Operator Agreements; and evidence in Commission adjudicatory proceedings. **81 Fed. Reg. 22594** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-04-18/pdf/2016-09002.pdf>] (4/18/16).

MARAD – Marine Highway Projects open season



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) issued a notice stating that the period for submission of proposals for Marine Highway Projects has been extended until 31 December 2018. **81 Fed. Reg. 22700** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-04-18/pdf/2016-08918.pdf>] (4/18/16).

NTSB – search for El Faro VDR resumes



The **National Transportation Safety Board** (NTSB) issued a press release stating that the research vessel Atlantis will depart Charleston on 18 April to search the area where the cargo vessel El Faro sank on 1 October 2015 with the loss of all 33 persons on board. Atlantis and its autonomous underwater vehicle

(AUV) Sentry will conduct a 10-day search for the missing voyage data recorder (VDR). (4/17/16) [located at <http://www.nts.gov/Pages/default.aspx>].

USCG – ballast water reporting form



The US Coast Guard issued a **notice** reminding stakeholders that the transition period within which use of the old ballast water reporting form remains acceptable expires on 30 April. Beginning 1 May, ballast water management reports for ships equipped with ballast water tanks and bound for ports or places in the United States must be made utilizing the new form. (4/15/16) [located at <http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2016/04/15/4152016-reminder-use-of-old-form-for-ballast-water-reporting-discontinued/>].

USCG – pre-arrival and departure information



The US Coast Guard issued a **notice** advising that the IMO Facilitation Committee (FAL) adopted an amendment to the FAL Convention that would require public authorities to establish, within three years, a system for the electronic exchange of pre-arrival and departure information. The amendment is estimated to become effective in 2018. (4/15/16) [located at <http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2016/04/15/4152015-imo-amendment-adopted-requirement-for-electronic-exchange-of-pre-arrival-and-departure-information/>].

USCG – MOA renewed with NACO



The US Coast Guard issued a **notice** stating that its Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the National Association of Charterboat Operators (NACO) has been renewed. (4/15/16) [located at <http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2016/04/15/4152016-national-association-of-charterboat-operators-resigning-of-moa/>].

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