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NAVSAC – meeting on 4-5 May



The Navigation Safety Advisory Committee (NAVSAC), sponsored by the US Coast Guard, will meet on 4-5 May in Arlington, Virginia. Topics on the agenda include: the Future of Navigation initiative; electronic charting systems; and port access route studies. **81 Fed. Reg. 23002** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-04-19/pdf/2016-09021.pdf>] (4/19/16).

USCG – NVIC 02-16



The US Coast Guard issued a notice announcing availability of NVIC 02-16 – Inspection Guidance for Sail Rigging and Masts on Inspected Sailing Vessels. **81 Fed. Reg. 23001** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-04-19/pdf/2016-09022.pdf>] (4/19/16).

USCG – troposcatter technology



The US Coast Guard issued a notice announcing its intent to enter into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with Comtech Systems, Inc. to investigate the potential operational use of troposcatter technology. Comments must be submitted by 19 May. **81 Fed. Reg. 23001** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-04-19/pdf/2016-09034.pdf>] (4/19/16).

Lower Chesapeake Bay – anchorage ground proposed



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that it is considering establishing a new anchorage in Lower Chesapeake Bay near Cape Charles, Virginia. Comments must be received by 18 July. **81 Fed. Reg. 22939** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-04-19/pdf/2016-09029.pdf>] (4/19/16).

DOT – \$4.9 million in grants to small shipyards



The Department of Transportation (DOT) issued a **press release** announcing the award of grants totaling \$4.9 million to support capital improvements at nine small US shipyards. (4/18/16) [located at <https://www.transportation.gov/briefing-room/maritime-administration-announces-49-million-strengthen-us-shipyard-competitiveness>].

FERC – authorization to export LNG



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued an **Order** granting Magnolia LNG LLC authorization to site, construct, and operate

facilities to liquefy and export natural gas at a proposed LNG terminal near Lake Charles. (4/15/16) [located at <http://www.ferc.gov/CalendarFiles/20160415152853-CP14-347-000.pdf>].

House – hearing on maritime safety and stewardship



The Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee conducted a **hearing** on “Maritime Transportation Safety and Stewardship Programs”. Testimony was heard from RDML Paul Thomas, USCG and Mr. R. Keith Michel, Transportation Research Board, as well as various individuals from the private sector. (4/14/16) [located at <http://transportation.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=400008>].

EC – ship recycling facilities guidance



The European Commission (EC) published a **technical guidance note** regarding requirements and procedures for inclusion of facilities located in third countries in the European List of ship recycling facilities. (4/12/16) [located at <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:C:2016:128:FULL&from=EN>].

ReCAAP – quarterly report



The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre posted its **Report** for the first quarter of 2016. A total of 14 incidents of robbery on board ships were reported during the quarter as compared to 44 incidents of piracy and armed robbery during the first quarter of 2015. (4/15/16) [located at http://www.recaap.org/DesktopModules/Bring2mind/DMX/Download.aspx?Command=Core_Download&EntryId=438&PortalId=0&TabId=78].

South China Sea – lighthouse operational



The Chinese Maritime Safety Administration (CMSA) issued a **news release** announcing that a completion ceremony was held on 5 April for construction of a lighthouse on Zhubi Reef in the South China Sea. (4/15/16) [located at <http://en.msa.gov.cn/index.php?m=content&c=index&a=show&catid=343&id=181>]. *Note: Zhubi Reef, better known as Subi Reef, is part of the disputed Spratly Islands and is claimed by China, Taiwan, the Philippines, and Vietnam.*

Denmark – weight of packed containers



The Danish Maritime Authority (DMA) issued a **news release** providing guidance on how to determine the weight of packed containers. (4/15/16) [located at <http://www.dma.dk/news/Sider/Howtodeterminetheweightofpackedcontainers.aspx>].

Hong Kong – VGM guidance



The Hong Kong Marine Department issued a notice providing guidelines and information related to verification of the gross mass of containers. **Marine Notice 43-2016** (4/15/16) [located at <http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/notices/pdf/mdn16043.pdf>].

Mexico – tall ship to visit New London



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** announcing that the Mexican Navy sail training vessel ARM Cuauhtémoc will visit New London, Connecticut on 2-4 May. (4/18/16) [located at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2808706/>].

Panama Canal – third draft restriction



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory stating that its third draft restriction will come into effect on 9 May. Effective that date, the maximum authorized transit draft will be 11.59m (38.0 feet) Tropical Fresh Water (TFW). **Advisory 18-2016** (4/11/16) [located at <https://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2016/a-18-2016.pdf>].

Panama Canal – booking slots for Neopanamax vessels



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory announcing that it will be accepting transit reservations for Neopanamax vessels effective 27 June. **Advisory 19-2016** (4/12/16) [located at <https://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2016/a-19-2016.pdf>].

Singapore – sanctions re North Korea



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a circular regarding the most recent United Nations Security Council (UNSC) economic sanctions relating to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea). **Shipping Circular 11-2016** (4/12/16) [located at <http://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/port-of-singapore/circulars-and-notices/detail/b0055439-013e-4c80-8d67-defe13698fod>].

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