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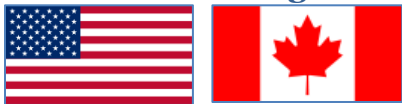
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US & Canada – regulatory cooperation meetings



The US Coast Guard issued a **notice** announcing that US-Canada Regulatory Cooperation Council meetings will be held at the Embassy of Canada in Washington, DC on 4-5 May. Space is limited and advance registration is required. (4/22/16)

[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2016/04/22/4222016-registration-for-u-s-canada-regulatory-cooperation-council-meetings/>].

MARAD – Marine Highway grant applications sought



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) issued a notice announcing the availability of \$5 million in funding for Marine Highway grants. Applications must be received by 27 May. [81 Fed. Reg. 24173](#) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-04-25/pdf/2016-09563.pdf>] (4/25/16).

USCG – rescue of hydro pod runner



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that the adventure runner making his second attempt to 'run' from Florida to Bermuda voluntarily departed his 'hydro pod' and boarded the Coast Guard cutter Gannet seven miles off Jupiter. The individual's first attempt in 2014 ended when he was rescued at sea after becoming disoriented. In this most recent attempt, the individual ignored a Captain of the Port (COTP) order to not depart without implementing various safety conditions. (4/24/16) [<http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2813230/>].

USCG – TSAC meeting summary



The US Coast Guard issued a [notice](#) summarizing the recent meeting of the Towing Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC). Among other things, the final reports from its subcommittees on the mobile offshore drilling unit Kulluk 'Report of Investigation, Repair and Utilization of Towing Gear, and Automation Equipment for reduction of Engine Room Personnel' were approved. (4/22/16) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2016/04/22/4222016-towing-safety-advisory-committee-meeting-wrap-up/>].

DOJ – \$715,000 penalty for oil spills



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a [news release](#) stating that, under a consent decree, a Louisiana company will pay \$615,000 in federal penalties for crude oil spills and other Clean Water Act violations, pay Louisiana \$100,000 for civil penalties and response costs, and carry out remedial measures to prevent future spills. Among other things, the company was accused of failure to comply with a US Coast Guard order addressing one of the cleanup efforts. (4/22/16) [<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/louisiana-company-pay-over-700000-penalties-and-costs-settle-us-and-louisiana-claims>].

OFAC – FAQs re Cuba



The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) issued updated **Frequently Asked Questions** (FAQs) regarding economic sanctions related to Cuba. (4/21/16) [https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Programs/Documents/cuba_faqs_new.pdf].

BSEE – offshore platforms and sea ice



The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) issued a **press release** stating that, in partnership with the University of Alaska, a research study has been completed examining the ability of current offshore structural designs to successfully survive sea ice demands under extreme Arctic conditions. The study concluded that the current standard of practice cited in ISO 19906 is conservative for current structural design parameters and is capable of surviving the demands from sea ice. (4/22/16) [<http://www.bsee.gov/BSEE-Newsroom/BSEE-News-Briefs/2016/Study-Shows-Current-Offshore-Platforms-Can-Survive-Sea-Ice/>].

NPS – Maritime Heritage grants



The National Park Service (NPS) issued a **press release** stating that it has awarded \$2.58 million in matching grants for Maritime Heritage Education and Preservation Projects in 19 states. (4/22/16) [<https://www.nps.gov/aboutus/news/release.htm?id=1822>].

IMO – collection of fuel consumption data



The IMO issued a **news release** stating that the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 69) approved mandatory requirements for ships to record and report their fuel consumption. This requirement is intended to be the first in a three-step process regarding climate change mitigation. The requirements will be considered for adoption at MEPC 70 and could enter into effect in 2018. (4/22/16) [<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/11-data-collection.aspx>].

ReCAAP – abduction of tug boat crews



The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre issued a **Special Report** on the abduction of crews from tug boats in waters off East Sabah and South Philippines. (4/22/16)

[<http://www.recaap.org/Portals/0/docs/Reports/2016/Special%20Report%20on%20Abducting%20of%20Crew%20from%20Tug%20Boats%20in%20Waters%20off%20East%20Sabah%20and%20South%20Philippines.pdf>].

UK – review of port state and flag state regulations



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued a **notice** stating that it has commenced a review of its port state control (PSC) and flag state regulations that were adopted in 2011. Comments on these regulations should be submitted by 20 May. (4/22/16)

[<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/review-of-merchant-shipping-regulations-2011>].

Amazon – large coral reef discovered



Discovery News issued a **report** stating that a coral reef more than 600 miles in length has been discovered in the Atlantic Ocean off the mouth of the Amazon River. The discovery was unexpected because coral reefs generally require relatively clear water to survive. (4/22/16)

[<http://news.discovery.com/earth/oceans/broad-reef-ecosystem-discovered-in-amazon-160422.htm>].

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