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## **USCG – safety alert re SAFELINK EPIRBs**



The US Coast Guard issued a safety alert stating that Kannad Marine has issued a recall of all SAFELINK EPIRBs due to a possible defect that could result in the beacon not operating in emergency situations. **Alert 03-16** (4/25/16) [<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg545/alerts/0316.pdf>].

## **USCG – 2016 Offshore Technology Conference**



The US Coast Guard issued a **notice** stating that Rear admiral Paul Thomas and Mr. Brian Salerno, Director, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) will be on the government activities panel at the 2016 Offshore Technology Conference on 5 May in Houston. (4/25/16)

[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2016/04/25/4252016-2016-offshore-technology-conference-joint-uscg-and-bsee-panel/>].

### FMC – Haimark Line cancels future cruises



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** stating that Haimark Line, Ltd is cancelling future cruises. Haimark operates a single vessel, the passenger ship Saint Laurent. The Haimark escrow agent will automatically process refunds and send payments to passengers who paid deposits or fares in advance; however passengers who previously obtained a refund from other sources are not eligible. (4/25/16) [<http://www.fmc.gov/NR16-07/>].

### EPA – ocean disposal of marine mammal carcasses



The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a notice stating that it proposes to issue a general permit to authorize federal, state, tribal, and local agencies, any Marine Mammal health and Stranding Response Program (MMHSRP) Stranding Agreement Holder, and any Alaska Native subsistence user to transport from the United States and dispose of marine mammal carcasses in ocean waters. Comments on this proposal must be received by 27 June. **81 Fed. Reg. 24598** [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-04-26/pdf/2016-09734.pdf>] (4/26/16).

### Canada – new survey vessels to be procured



Fisheries and Oceans Canada issued a **news release** announcing the winning bid for the procurement of seven new survey vessels for the Canadian Hydrographic Service to support the seabed surveying and charting of Canada's navigable waters. (4/21/16) [<http://news.gc.ca/web/article-en.do?mthd=index&crtr.page=1&nid=1055499>].

### Panama Canal – initial transit through new locks



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory announcing the procedure it will utilize for selection of the vessel for the inaugural transit through the new locks of Agua Clara and Cocoli on 26 June. Only one Neopanamax vessel in a southbound direction will be allowed to transit during daylight hours that day. Regular transits through the new locks will begin on 27 June. **Advisory 20-2016** (4/22/16)

[<https://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2016/a-20-2016.pdf>].

### Philippines – travel warning



The Department of State (DOS) issued a **Travel Warning** advising US citizens to avoid all non-essential travel to the Sulu Archipelago and through the southern Sulu Sea due to continued terrorist threats, insurgent activities, and kidnappings. (4/21/16)

[<https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings/philippines-travel-warning.html>].

### Yemen – ship attacked off Mukalla



The Republic of the Marshall Islands issued an advisory stating that a ship off the port of Mukalla, Yemen was attacked by two skiffs, carrying three men each on 24 April. The skiffs departed after exchanging gunfire with the embarked security team. While the affiliation of the attackers is unknown, it is likely that these were terrorists, rather than pirates. **Ship Security Advisory 4-16** (4/25/16) [[http://www.register-iri.com/forms/upload/SSAdvisory\\_4-16.pdf#search=Yemen](http://www.register-iri.com/forms/upload/SSAdvisory_4-16.pdf#search=Yemen)]. *Note: Unofficial sources indicate that the ship involved was the tanker Fair Apollon. No one on the ship was injured during the attack.*

### Ideal X voyage – 26 April 1956



On 26 April 1956, the ship **Ideal X** departed Port Newark, New Jersey on a voyage to Houston, Texas. The ship had been launched in 1945 as the T-2 tanker SS Potrero Hills. The ship had made many voyages in the intervening eleven years, but this was different. The ship had only recently been acquired by the Pan-Atlantic Steamship Corporation, which shortly before had been acquired by the trucking magnate Malcom McLean. McLean had become frustrated by the inefficiencies of unloading trucks by hand so as to reload the cargo onto ships. He thought he had a better way. He modified some of his trucks so that the cargo-containing trailer was physically detachable from the chassis. After acquiring the tanker Potrero Hills, he installed a metal platform above the tank tops and piping so that the trailers (soon to be known as shipping containers) could be loaded onto the deck. A total of 58 loaded trailers were secured to the deck in Port Newark. The Ideal X transited to Houston, arriving at City Dock 10 on 2 May, where the trailers were promptly transferred to waiting trucks. By the use of shipping containers, Malcolm McLean had increased the speed and efficiency of multi-modal shipping and reduced losses due to breakage and theft. Pan-Atlantic modified other ships to carry containers on deck and then

modified other ships so that standardized containers could be loaded into cells in the cargo holds. Other shipping companies observed these developments and quickly followed suit. The container revolution was born. The Ideal X was sold by Pan-Atlantic in 1959 and renamed the SS Elemir, resuming service as a tanker. It was damaged in a Pacific storm and broken up in Japan in 1965.

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