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India – vessel sharing agreements; and
New Zealand – seafarer certification proposal.

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Hudson River – safety zone



The US Coast Guard promulgated a final rule establishing a temporary safety zone on waters of the Hudson River in the vicinity of Manhattan and Jersey City for the Louis Vuitton America's Cup World Series New York 2016 regatta. The safety zone regulation will be in effect on 6-8 May. [81 Fed. Reg. 26468](https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-05-03/pdf/2016-10305.pdf) [https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-05-03/pdf/2016-10305.pdf] (5/3/16).

FMC – Rules of Practice and Procedure



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) proposes to reorganize several subparts of its Rules of Practice and Procedure and revise its rules regarding presentation of evidence in Commission proceedings. Comments on the proposal must be submitted by 5 July. [81 Fed. Reg. 26517](https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-05-03/pdf/2016-09759.pdf) [https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-05-03/pdf/2016-09759.pdf] (5/3/16).

Washington – proposed coal export facility



The Washington Department of Ecology issued a **news release** stating that comment is sought on the draft environmental study for the proposed coal export facility near Longview. Comments must be received by 13 June. (4/29/16) [<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/news/2016/054.html>].

India – vessel sharing agreements



The Indian Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) issued a notice concerning use of vessel sharing agreements (VSAs) in the liner shipping industry. **Merchant Shipping Notice 3-2016** (4/28/16) [http://dgshipping.gov.in/WriteReadData/News/20160502035238533188oms_notice3_2016.pdf].

New Zealand – seafarer certification proposal



Maritime New Zealand issued a **media release** stating that it seeks comments on proposed changes to seafarer certification that would 'ring-fence' certain older seafarer certificates that would make it easier for seafarers with certain older certificates to continue working. (5/2/16) [<http://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/news/media-releases-2016/20160502a.asp>].

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