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USCG – safety alert re orange smoke hand distress signal



The US Coast Guard issued a Safety Alert stating that it has withdrawn the Certificate of Approval for NAMMO LIAB AB Orange Smoke Hand Distress Signal, alternately labeled as Polar MK 4 by NAMMO LIAB AB or as IKAROS by Hansson Pyrotech. This action was taken because the chemical makeup of the signal was changed in October 2013 without Coast Guard approval and the signal as subsequently manufactured is at risk of spontaneous combustion if dropped. **Safety Alert 04-16** (5/19/16) [<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg545/alerts/0416.pdf>].

Rhode Island Sound – temporary safety zone



The US Coast Guard promulgated a rule establishing, through 31 October, a temporary safety zone around each of five locations in Rhode Island Sound where the Block Island Wind Farm wind turbine generator towers, nacelles, blades, and subsea cables will be installed. **81 Fed. Reg. 31862** (5/20/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-05-20/pdf/2016-11826.pdf>].

USACE – water resources development project studies



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) issued a notice stating that it seeks proposals from non-federal interests for feasibility studies and for modifications to authorized water resource development projects or feasibility studies for inclusion in the agency's annual report to Congress on future water resources. Proposals must be submitted online by 19 September. **81 Fed. Reg. 31919** (5/20/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-05-20/pdf/2016-11944.pdf>].

CBP – intermodal container country of origin



The US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued a notice that it has made a final determination regarding the country of origin of certain intermodal containers. **81 Fed. Reg. 31951** (5/20/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-05-20/pdf/2016-11947.pdf>].

House – bill introduced to abolish Marine Mammal Commission



Representative Russell (R-OK) introduced the **Efficient Marine Mammal Protection Act** (H.R. 5270) to abolish the Marine Mammal Commission and transfer its functions to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. (5/17/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-114hr5270ih/pdf/BILLS-114hr5270ih.pdf>].

House – bill introduced re Working Waterfront Task Force



Representative Pingree (D-ME) introduced a bill (H.R. 5277) to amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to establish a Working Waterfront Task Force and a working waterfronts grant program, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Representative Pingree issued a [press release](#) explaining the measure. (5/18/16).

Senate – bill introduced re spills from foreign offshore units



Senator Murkowski (R-AK) introduced a bill (S. 2951) to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to impose penalties and provide for the recovery of removal costs and damages in connection with certain discharges of oil from foreign offshore units, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Senator Murkowski issued a [press release](#) explaining the measure. (5/18/16).

California – marine invasive species enforcement proposal



The California State Lands Commission (SLC) posted a [notice](#) stating that it is proposing adoption of regulations relating to the enforcement and hearing process under the state Marine Invasive Species Act. Comments on the proposal must be received by 5 July. (5/19/16) [<http://www.slc.ca.gov/Laws-Regs/Proposed-MISP4-9.html>].

IMO – maritime cyber risk management



The IMO developed [draft guidelines](#) on maritime cyber risk management to provide high-level recommendations to reduce the risk experienced by a technology asset. (5/17/16) [http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/Misc/MSC_96-WP_9_Annex_2.pdf].

Denmark – maritime spatial plan



The Danish Maritime Authority (DMA) issued a **news release** stating that it has been tasked by the Danish Parliament with developing the nation's first maritime spatial plan, intended to promote economic growth through sustainable use of Denmark's sea areas. (5/19/16)

[<http://www.dma.dk/news/Sider/DanishMaritimeAuthoritytoberesponsibleforDenmark%27sfirstmaritimespatialplan.aspx>].

Hong Kong – typhoon season



The Hong Kong Marine Department issued a notice reminding stakeholders that the typhoon season is approaching. Precautionary planning should begin now. An adequate number of qualified mariners must be maintained on vessels during passage of a typhoon. **Notice 64-2016** (5/19/16) [<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/notices/pdf/mdn16064.pdf>].

Panama Canal – locks outages



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory stating that the east lane of the Miraflores Locks will be out of service from 2200, 23 May until 2200, 27 May to perform scheduled dry chamber seal repairs. Concurrently, the west lane of the Pedro Miguel Locks and the west lane of the Gatun Locks will be out of service for a portion of that period. As a result, Transit Reservation System Condition 2 will be in effect on 24-27 May. **Advisory 27-2016** (5/19/16) [<https://www.panacanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2016/a-27-2016-Rev.pdf>]. *Note: This item was brought to my attention by my good friend Bryan Bittner of **Eagle Bulk Shipping**.*

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