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NTSB – collision due to hydrodynamic forces



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) issued a **press release** stating that the probable cause of the 9 March 2015 collision between the bulk carrier Conti Peridot and the tanker Carla Maersk in the Houston Ship Channel was the inability of the pilot on the Conti Peridot to respond appropriately to hydrodynamic forces after meeting another vessel during restricted visibility and his lack of communication with other vessels about this handling difficulty controlling his vessel. (6/7/16)
[<http://www.nts.gov/news/press-releases/Pages/pr20160607b.aspx>].

Hudson River – anchorage grounds under consideration



The US Coast Guard is considering establishing new anchorage grounds in the Hudson River between Yonkers and Kingston. Comments must be received by 7 September. **81 Fed. Reg. 37168** (6/9/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-06-09/pdf/2016-13701.pdf>].

NSIDC – record low Arctic sea ice coverage for May



The National Snow and Ice Data Center (NSIDC) issued a **notice** stating that May 2016 set a new record low for sea ice coverage in the Arctic region at 12.0 million square kilometers (4.63 million square miles). (6/7/16) [<http://nsidc.org/arcticseaicenews/2016/06/low-ice-low-snow-both-poles/>].

OFAC – Iranian sanctions FAQ



The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) issued an updated set of **Frequently Asked Questions** (FAQ) related to economic sanctions against Iran. (6/8/16) [<https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/OFAC-Enforcement/Pages/20160608.aspx>].

Paris MOU – performance lists



The Paris MOU issued a **press release** announcing publication of its performance lists for flags and for recognized organizations. These lists (e.g., white list, grey list, and black list) will take effect from 1 July. (6/8/16) [<https://www.parismou.org/new-performance-lists-paris-mou-0>].

ReCAAP – May 2016 report



The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre issued its **May 2016 Report**. During the month, it received eight reports of piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asia, a 65% decrease compared to May 2015. (6/8/16) [http://www.recaap.org/DesktopModules/Bring2mind/DMX/Download.aspx?Command=Core_Download&EntryId=448&PortalId=0&TabId=78].

Grenada – Exercise Tradewinds 2016



The US Coast Guard issued a news release stating that military and security personnel from thirteen Caribbean Community member states are participating in Exercise Tradewinds 2016 in Grenada to improve regional security and build military relationships among partner nations. (6/7/16) [].

India – continuous discharge certificates



The Indian Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) issued a **notice** stating that it is proposing amendments to the provisions relating to Continuous Discharge Certificates for Indian seafarers. Comments on the proposal must be received by 6 July. (6/7/16)

[http://dgshipping.gov.in/WriteReadData/News/201606080252427713448draft_marchent_notice_8_16.pdf].

Ireland – PFD reminder



The Irish Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport issued a notice reminding stakeholders of requirements relating to personal floatation devices (PFDs). **Marine Notice 27-2016** (6/8/16)

[http://www.dttas.ie/sites/default/files/MN27of2016_PFD%27s.pdf].

Panama Canal – draft restrictions rescinded



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory stating that all draft restrictions for vessels transiting the Panamax locks have been lifted. Therefore, effective immediately, the maximum authorized draft for vessels transiting the Panamax locks is 12.04m (39.5 feet) Tropical Fresh Water (TFW).

Advisory 33-2016 (6/7/16)

[<https://www.panacanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2016/a-33-2016.pdf>].

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