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USCG – recap of El Faro hearings



The US Coast Guard issued a **notice** recapping to date the hearings into the tragic loss of the cargo ship El Faro and the 33 persons on board. (6/9/16) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2016/06/09/692016-recap-of-the-el-faro-hearing-so-far/>].

USCG – dangers of unauthorized boat operators



The US Coast Guard issued a safety alert warning persons of the dangers of using unauthorized boat operators. It is both unsafe and illegal.

Safety Alert 05-16 (6/9/16)

[<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg545/alerts/0516.pdf>].

Suisun Bay – security zone



The US Coast Guard promulgated a final rule revising the existing conditional security zone in waters of Suisun Bay at the Military Ocean Terminal Concord (MOTCO) to clarify responsibilities and authorities for enforcement of the security zone. The changes enter into effect on 11 July. **81 Fed. Reg. 37514** (6/10/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-06-10/pdf/2016-13781.pdf>].

NOAA – Flower Garden Banks NMS



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a notice stating that it has prepared a draft environmental impact statement as part of a proposal to expand the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary (NMS) in the Gulf of Mexico. Five different scenarios or options are under consideration. Public meetings will be held in Galveston (12 July); Houston (13 July); New Orleans (19 July); Mobile (20 July); and Lafayette (21 July). Comments must be received by 19 August. **81 Fed. Reg. 37576** (6/10/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-06-10/pdf/2016-13661.pdf>].

House – new icebreakers needed now



Representative Duncan Hunter (R-CA) issued a **news column** calling for accelerated funding and construction of new US icebreakers. (6/8/16) [<https://hunter.house.gov/hunter-us-navy-and-coast-guard-need-more-icebreakers-now>]. *Note: This item was brought to my attention by my good friend Norm Paulhus.*

Panama Canal – training vessel transit



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued a **press release** stating that its chartered vessel MN Baroque transited the new Atlantic-facing Agua Clara locks as part of the training of personnel for the scheduled 26 June inauguration of the Expanded Canal locks (6/9/16) [<https://www.pancanal.com/eng/pr/press-releases/2016/06/09/pr591.html>].

UK – Royal Navy in hot water



The UK House of Commons posted the **transcript** of the Defence Committee hearing concerning the procurement of Type 45 destroyers for the Royal Navy. Evidence indicates that during deployments in the Persian Gulf these destroyers experience electrical failures due primarily to the inability of the engines to operate for extended periods in the elevated water temperatures of the region. (6/7/16)

[<http://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/defence-committee/naval-procurement-type-26-and-type-45/oral/34211.html>].

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