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USMMA – standing down Sea Year



The US Merchant Marine Academy Alumni Association posted a **statement** from the US Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) announcing that, effective immediately, it is standing down its traditional 'Sea Year' of training for midshipmen on working US merchant marine vessels due to concerns of the safety of these young women and men regarding the threat of sexual assault and sexual harassment. This program cancellation will continue until the Academy is assured that this training program can be carried out in a safe environment.

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[<http://www.usmmaaf.com/s/1175/hybrid/social.aspx?sid=1175&gid=1&pgid=1544&cid=3212&ecid=3212&crd=0&calpgid=15&calcid=752>].

USCG – recognition of icebreaker crew



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that the Commandant, Admiral Paul Zukunft, will travel to Seattle to recognize three crew members for their quick thinking and ingenuity that helped save the mission of the icebreaker Polar Star during its recent deployment to the Antarctic. He will also present the crew a Coast Guard Unit Commendation Award. (6/16/16) [<http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2855670/>]. *Note: The circumstances of these casualties, which can only be appreciated by reading the entire news release, highlight the precarious condition of the nation's only heavy duty polar icebreaker.*

USCG – LNG fuel system inspection job aid



The US Coast Guard posted the Domestic Vessel LNG Fuel System Inspection Job Aid, prepared by the Liquefied Gas Carrier (LGC) National Center of Expertise (NCOE). The job aid can be used by USCG personnel for initial and annual inspections and periodic safety test procedures (PSTPs for LNG fuel systems used onboard domestic vessels using LNG as fuel. The document also provides operators of such vessels with guidance as to what USCG inspections will entail. **LGC NCOE Field Notice 02-2016** (6/16/16) [<http://www.uscg.mil/lgcncoe/docs/LNG%20Fuel%20Job%20Aid.pdf>].

USCG – Waves on the Waterfront



The US Coast Guard posted the June edition of **Waves on the Waterfront**. This edition discusses, among other things, the MARPOL Reception Facility Certificate of Adequacy Program; FSO Voluntary Certified Courses; and information regarding the USCG Container Inspection, Training, and Assistance Team. (6/16/16) [[http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg544/Waves%20on%20the%20Waterfront/WavesOnTheWaterfront\(June%202016\).pdf](http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg544/Waves%20on%20the%20Waterfront/WavesOnTheWaterfront(June%202016).pdf)].

Senate – bill introduced re marine mammal rescue



Senator Cantwell (D-WA) introduced a bill (S. 3059) to reauthorize and amend the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue and Response Grant

Program and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Senator Cantwell issued a [press release](#) explaining the measure. (6/15/16) [<https://www.cantwell.senate.gov/news/press-releases/cantwell-sullivan-introduce-bill-to-bolster-marine-mammal-rescue-and-response>].

Washington – Spill Response Task Force meeting on 21 June



The Washington Department of Ecology issued a [news release](#) stating that it will host the 21 June meeting of the Pacific States/British Columbia Oil Spill Task Force in Seattle. The meeting, which is open to the public, will address spill response programs and initiatives. (6/15/16) [<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/news/2016/077.html>].

India – Day of the Seafarer



The Government of India issued a [notice](#) stating that the Day of the Seafarer will be celebrated in Mumbai on 25 June. (6/16/16) [http://dgshipping.gov.in/WriteReadData/News/201606161116549879326invitation_car_250616.pdf].

UK – cruise ship grounding



The UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) issued the [report](#) on its investigation of the grounding of the cruise ship Hamburg on charted rocks near the New Rocks buoy in the Sound of Mull, Scotland on 11 May 2015. There were no injuries, but the vessel incurred significant racking damage. The primary cause of the casualty was the failure to apply bridge team management tools effectively, either before or after the grounding. (6/16/16) [<https://www.gov.uk/maib-reports/grounding-of-passenger-cruise-ship-hamburg>].

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