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Sabine-Neches Waterway – suitability assessment



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that it received a Letter of Intent and Preliminary Waterway Suitability Assessment from Jefferson Railport Terminal 1 (Texas) LLC regarding plans to construct, own, and operate a waterfront facility handling and storing liquefied hazardous gas (LHG) at its Vidor, Texas facility located on the Sabine-Neches Waterway. Comments on the proposal must be received by 25 July. [81 Fed. Reg. 40891](https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-06-23/pdf/2016-14910.pdf) (6/23/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-06-23/pdf/2016-14910.pdf>].

DOE – application to export LNG



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a notice stating that it received an application from Cameron LNG, LLC seeking authorization to export liquefied natural gas (LNG). Comments on the application must be received by 25 July. **81 Fed. Reg. 40884** (6/23/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-06-23/pdf/2016-14869.pdf>].

Alaska – cable-laying operations



The Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) issued a notice stating that it received an application from Quintillion Subsea Operation, LLC for authorization to take, by harassment, walrus from 15 July through 15 November in the Bering, Chukchi, and Beaufort Seas during subsea cable-laying operations. Comments on the application must be received by 25 July. **81 Fed. Reg. 40902** (6/23/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-06-23/pdf/2016-14847.pdf>].

ISAC – meeting on 12-14 July



The Invasive Species Advisory Committee (ISAC), sponsored by the Department of the Interior (DOI), will meet on 12-14 July in Washington, DC. Topics on the agenda include an update on progress of federal agency implementation of prior ISAC recommendations and strengthening federal/state coordination. **81 Fed. Reg. 40919** (6/23/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-06-23/pdf/2016-14860.pdf>].

NTSB – Houston Ship Channel collision



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) issued the Marine Accident Report for its investigation of the collision between the bulk carrier Conti Peridot and the tanker Carla Maersk in the Houston Ship Channel on 9 March 2015. The report concluded that the probable cause of the collision 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. Contributing to the circumstances that resulted in the collision was the

inadequate bridge resource management between the master and the pilot on the Conti Peridot. **MAR 16-01** (6/20/16)
[<http://www.nts.gov/investigations/AccidentReports/Reports/MAR1601.pdf>].

House – bill introduced to authorize eLoran



Representative Hunter (R-CA) introduced the **Miscellaneous Maritime Transportation Amendments Act of 2016** (H.R. 5531) to amend title 46, United States Code, to improve maritime transportation, and for other purposes. (6/20/16). *Note: The primary provision of this bill authorizes the US Coast Guard to construct and maintain an eLoran system. This is a major step forward in the process of re-establishing a backup for the vital but vulnerable Global Positioning System (GPS).*

House – Committee mark-up of bills



The House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure issued a **press release** stating that, on 23 June, it will meet to consider several bills, including H.R. 5531. (6/21/16)
[<http://transportation.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=400445>].

IMO – maritime cyber risk management



The IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) approved interim guidelines on Maritime Cyber Risk Management. **MSC.1 Circ. 1526** (6/1/16)
[https://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg521/docs/MSC_1-Circ_1526_InterimGuidelines.pdf].

India – vessel lay-up



The Indian Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) issued a **notice** providing the procedure for laying-up Indian vessels. (6/22/16)
[http://dgshipping.gov.in/WriteReadData/News/201606220609234360436msn oticeno_062016.pdf].

Panama Canal – minimum visibility requirements



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory modifying the minimum visibility requirements for transiting vessels. **Advisory 36-2016** (6/21/16) [<https://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2016/a-36-2016.pdf>].

Panama Canal – Transit Reservation System



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory reminding stakeholders that 26 June will mark the inauguration of the Third Set of Locks. In conjunction with that event, Transit Reservation System Condition 1.a will be in effect on that date. **Advisory 37-2016** (6/21/16) [<https://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2016/a-37-2016.pdf>].

UK – training for seafarer careers



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency posted **guidance** providing updated information regarding training for seafarer careers. (6/22/16) [<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/uk-seafarer-careers-training-provision-and-information>].

USCG Auxiliary established – 23 June 1939



On 23 June 1939, a law was enacted to establish a Coast Guard Reserve [the name was later changed to the Coast Guard Auxiliary] to be composed of owners of motorboats and yachts to assist the Coast Guard in the saving of life and property and in the patrolling of marine parades and regattas. **53 Stat. 854**. In the succeeding years, USCG Auxiliary members have devoted countless hours in patrolling the nation's waterways, assisting mariners in distress, and educating the American boating public.

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