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Bering Sea – tanker briefly grounds



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that the chemical tanker Champion Ebony briefly grounded near Nunivak Island in the Bering Sea. There were no reports of injury or pollution. The tanker is anchored while a damage assessment is performed. The incident is under investigation. (6/24/16) [<http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2858662/>].

Kotzebue – seasonal USCG air facility



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that it has established a seasonal air facility in Kotzebue, Alaska to support its Arctic Shield operations. (6/24/16) [<http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2858690/>].

USN – Blueprint to Mariner



The US Navy issued its **Blueprint to Mariner**. The document provides guidance for its personnel interested in exploring career opportunities in the maritime industry. Many of the skills practiced in the Navy have counterparts in the civilian sector. (6/24/16) [<http://www.cool.navy.mil/usn/otr/otr-blueprint.htm>].

DOJ – contracting officer pleads guilty



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a **news release** stating that a former Department of Defense (DOD) supervisory contracting officer pleaded guilty in federal court to charges that he accepted bribes from the owner of the foreign defense contractor at the center of a massive bribery and fraud scandal. The defendant is highest ranking civilian employee convicted in the case. Sentencing is scheduled for 9 September. (6/23/16) [<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/former-supervisory-contracting-officer-pleads-guilty-accepting-bribes-foreign-defense>].

Chesapeake Bay – new anchorage ground proposal



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that it will hold public meetings in Norfolk (19 July) and Melfa, Virginia (20 July) relating to its advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) concerning amending its regulations by establishing a new anchorage near Cape Charles on the Lower Chesapeake Bay. Written comments must be received by 31 August. **81 Fed. Reg. 41000** (6/27/16) [].

Western Australia – two new TSS



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a **media release** stating that, on 1 December, two new Traffic Separation Schemes (TSS) will come into effect off Cape Leeuwin and Chatham Island off the southwest

coast of Western Australia. (6/24/16)

[http://www.amsa.gov.au/media/documents/24062016_Media_Release_CapeLeeuwinTSS_000.pdf].

Denmark – electronic certification of ships



The Danish Maritime Authority (DMA) issued a **news release** stating that, effective immediately, new certificates for Danish ships will be issued electronically rather than on paper. (6/24/16)

[<http://www.dma.dk/news/Sider/Danishshipstobeissuedwithdigitalcertificates.aspx>].

Hong Kong – COLREGS amendments



The Hong Kong Marine Department issued a notice announcing the implementation for Hong Kong of recent amendments to the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS). **Notice 86-2016** (6/24/16) [<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/notices/pdf/mdn16086.pdf>].

Hong Kong – VGM enforcement



The Hong Kong Marine Department issued a notice stating that, effective 1 July and through 30 September, it will enforce in a practical and pragmatic manner the requirement that ship masters be provided the verified gross mass (VGM) of packed containers prior to loading. **Notice 87-2016** (6/24/16) [<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/notices/pdf/mdn16087.pdf>].

India – VGM enforcement



The Indian Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) issued a notice stating that, effective 1 July and through 30 September, it will enforce in a practical and pragmatic manner the requirement that ship masters be provided the verified gross mass (VGM) of packed containers prior to loading. **Notice 7-2016** (6/24/16)

[http://dgshipping.gov.in/WriteReadData/News/201606240423183653668m_s_notice_no_07_of_2016.pdf].

New Zealand – fees, charges & levies



Maritime New Zealand issued a **notice** advising of the fees, charges and levies applicable for the current and next fiscal years. (6/24/16) [http://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/About-us/Fees-levies/default.asp#current_fees].

Panama Canal – expansion project inaugurated



The **Panama Canal Expansion Project** has been officially completed and was inaugurated on 26 June 2016 with its first commercial transit – by the neopanamax container ship COSCO Shipping Panama. (6/26/16) [<http://micanaldepanama.com/expansion/>].

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