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FMC – passing of Helen Bentley



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** regarding the passing of former FMC Chairman Helen Bentley. (8/8/16) [http://www.fmc.gov/statements_former_fmc_chairman_helen_bentley/].
Note: Ms. Bentley served as FMC Chairman from 1969 through 1975. She was a member of the US House of Representatives from Maryland from 1985 through 1995, where she was an ardent defender of the merchant marine.

FMC – online renewal for foreign NVOCCs



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** stating that the FMC has developed an online filing system for the renewal of registrations by foreign-based non-vessel-operating common carriers (NVOCCs). (8/8/16) [<http://www.fmc.gov/NR16-15/>].

BOEM & USGS – inventory of Arctic fish



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) issued a **press release** stating that it and the US Geological Survey (USGS) completed a report inventorying the 109 fish species found in US marine waters north of the Bering Strait. The information will help guide future research and management decisions. (8/8/16) [<http://www.boem.gov/press08082016//>].

USCG – Arctic research missions



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** announcing that the icebreaker USCGC Healy successfully completed the first of its three planned scientific missions in the Arctic. The first mission, in the Chukchi Sea, carried 46 researchers from the University of Alaska and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The next two missions will be in the Arctic Ocean, including research to further support the demarcation of the Extended Continental Shelf. (8/8/16) [<http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2872746/>].

NOAA – IOOS PEA



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a notice stating that a Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) has been prepared analyzing the potential environmental impacts associated with the US Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS), leading to a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) to environmental resources. **81 Fed. Reg. 52665** (8/9/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-08-09/pdf/2016-18842.pdf>].

Singapore – update on collision



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a **news release** providing an update on the recent collision in the Singapore Strait. Of the ten empty containers that fell overboard from the MSC Alexandra, five landed on the deck of Dream II. Of the five that fell into the sea, four have been recovered and efforts are underway to recover the fifth. MSC Alexandra is in port discharging its containers before proceeding for repairs. Dream II is at anchor making preparations for repairs. There have been no reports of injury or pollution. There has been no disruption in marine traffic. The incident is under investigation. (8/8/16) [<http://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/media-centre/news-releases/detail/ffoc2100-ob62-492d-98ec-fb8d207c506d>].

New Zealand – Maritime Mobile Repeater channels



Maritime New Zealand posted a **notice** announcing that, effective 1 October 2016, changes are being made to some maritime VHF repeater channels to make space for newly allocated international services for ship tracking and data transmission. The existing maritime channel 16 for safety, distress, and calling will not change. There will be no need to purchase new marine radios, however some local maritime mobile repeaters and weather forecasts will be utilizing new channels. (8/8/16) [<http://www.rsm.govt.nz/projects-auctions/current-projects/changes-to-the-maritime-mobile-repeater-allocations?retune>].

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