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San Juan – Caribbean Fantasy casualty



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that the passenger/cargo ship Caribbean Fantasy has been safely moored in San Juan Harbor. A disposal plan is being developed for the hazardous and non-hazardous waste. A fire and extinguishing plan is being finalized. A joint marine casualty investigation involving the Coast Guard, the NTSB, RINA Services, and the flag state, Panama, is underway. (8/20/16)

[<http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2876602/>]. A **subsequent news release** states that the Puerto Rico Fire Department extinguished the fire on the vessel. Minor sheening near the vessel has been contained, (8/21/16)

[<http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2876677/>].

FMC – service contracts & NVOCC service arrangements



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) proposes to amend its rules governing Service Contracts and NVOCC Service Arrangements to update and modernize the rules and reduce the regulatory burden. Comments on the proposal must be received by 23 September. **81 Fed. Reg. 56559** (8/22/16)

[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-08-22/pdf/2016-19843.pdf>].

FMC – petition for Order to Show Cause



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a notice stating that it received a petition from three chassis leasing companies for an Order to Show Cause to be issued to the West Coast MTO Agreement and its individual members alleging violation of the Shipping act with respect to the establishment of a Chassis Services Fee. Comments on the petition must be received by 26 August.

81 Fed. Reg. 56653 (8/22/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-08-22/pdf/2016-20026.pdf>].

DOC – DARRP indirect cost rates



The Department of Commerce (DOC) issued a notice announcing the new indirect cost rates on the recovery of indirect costs for FY 2015 for the Damage Assessment, Remediation, and Restoration Program (DARRP). **81 Fed.**

Reg. 56580 (8/22/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-08-22/pdf/2016-19953.pdf>].

DOC – foreign trade zone expansion request



The Department of Commerce (DOC) issued a notice stating that it received an application from the Port of Louisiana requesting expansion of its foreign trade subzone on behalf of LOOP LLC. Comments on the application must be received by 3 October. **81 Fed. Reg. 56582** (8/22/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-08-22/pdf/2016-20020.pdf>].

NOAA – Marine Protected Areas advisory committee



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) seeks nominations for membership on the Marine Protected areas Federal Advisory Committee (MPAFAC). Nominations must be received by 7 October. In addition, the MPAFAC will meet via webinar on 3 October. Topics on the agenda include external financing and ecological connectivity. **81 Fed. Reg. 56604** (8/22/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-08-22/pdf/2016-19952.pdf>].

DOT – Port Performance meetings 9/23 & 10/21



The Port Performance Freight Statistics Working Group, sponsored by the Department of Transportation (DOT), will meet in Washington, DC on 23 September and 21 October. Topics on the agenda include identification of a generally accepted industry standard for port data collection and reporting and specification of standards for collecting data and reporting nationally consistent port performance measures. **81 Fed. Reg. 56750** (8/22/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-08-22/pdf/2016-19947.pdf>].

DOE – export of LNG



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a notice listing the recent orders granting authority to import and export natural gas and to export LNG. **81 Fed. Reg. 56627** (8/22/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-08-22/pdf/2016-19971.pdf>].

USCG – Proceedings distribution schedule



The US Coast Guard posted a **notice** stating that, effective immediately, publication of the Proceedings of the Marine Safety and Security magazine will transition from a quarterly schedule to three editions annually. (8/19/16) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2016/08/19/proceedings-magazine-distribution-schedule/>].

Denmark – wreck of submarine found off Jutland



The Danish Maritime Authority (DMA) issued a **news release** stating that the wreck of a submarine has been found in the North Sea off Jutland. Due to the presence of unexploded ordnance on board, a safety zone has been established. (8/19/16) [<http://www.dma.dk/news/Sider/SubmarinefoundintheNorthSea.aspx>].

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