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### USCG – ballast water management



The US Coast Guard posted a **bulletin** stating that there will be two USCG speakers at the 27-29 September Ballast Water Management Tech (BWMTech) North America Conference in Miami. CDR Meridena Kauffman will

address the USCG ballast water management program, while LCDR Jason Kling will discuss the USCG type-approval testing process and how it compares with the IMO process. (9/9/16)

[[http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2016/09/09/992016-coming-soon-ballast-water-management-tech-north-america-conference-coverage/?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+MaritimeCommons+%28Maritime+Commons%29](http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2016/09/09/992016-coming-soon-ballast-water-management-tech-north-america-conference-coverage/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+MaritimeCommons+%28Maritime+Commons%29)].

## DHS OIG – TWIC background checks



The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Inspector General (OIG) issued a report identifying room for improvement with respect to the background checks conducted for issuance of Transportation Worker Identification Credentials (TWICs). Among other things, fraud detection techniques are not monitored and key quality assurance and internal control procedures are missing. **OIG-16-218** (9/1/16)  
[<https://www.oig.dhs.gov/assets/Mgmt/2016/OIG-16-128-Sep16.pdf>].

## DOE & DOI – National Offshore Wind Strategy



The Department of Energy and Department of the Interior issued a **news release** announcing the **National Offshore Wind Strategy** to tap into the massive potential for wind power along the US shores. (9/9/16)  
[<http://www.energy.gov/articles/offshore-wind-arrives-america>].

## Congress – concerns re USMMA



Twelve Representatives and one Senator sent a **letter** to Secretary of Transportation, the Maritime Administrator, and the Superintendent of the US Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) expressing concern regarding the accreditation status of the Academy, sexual assault and sexual harassment against midshipmen, the recent stand down of Sea Year, impacts on Academy attrition and recruitment, and the potential for closure of the Academy. (9/2/16)  
[[http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/Misc/USMMA\\_ltr\\_160902.pdf](http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/Misc/USMMA_ltr_160902.pdf)]. *Note: This item was brought to my attention by my good friend Joe Keefe of **Maritime Logistics Professional**.*

## UK – consultation re hours of work



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued a **notice** stating that it has opened a consultation on the consolidation of the Merchant Shipping (Hours of Work) Regulations 2002 and amendments. The consultation runs through 12 October. (9/9/16)  
[<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-the-consolidation-of-the-merchant-shipping-hours-of-work-regulations-2002-and-amendments>].

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