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USCG – ballast water management



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** regarding the recent ratification of the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments (BWM Convention). It discusses differences between the BWM Convention and US requirements. It also reports that nineteen BWMS manufacturers are seeking type-approval from the US Coast Guard. (9/13/16) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2016/09/13/imo-ballast-water-convention-rear-adm-thomas/>].

Tacoma – security zone enforcement



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that the Sitcom Waterway security zone in Commencement Bay, Tacoma, will be enforced on 15-20 September for the protection of military cargo. **81 Fed. Reg. 63098** (9/14/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-09-14/pdf/2016-22098.pdf>].

USCGA – recognized as a top college



The US Coast Guard Academy (USCGA) issued a **news release** stating that it has again been recognized by numerous rating entities as one of the best undergraduate educational institutions in the nation. (9/13/16) [<http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2882406/>].

NTSB – VTS Safety Study



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) issued a **press release** announcing its Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) Safety Study. The study details 14 conclusions and 21 recommendations aimed at further reducing the risk of collisions, allisions, and groundings involving vessels operating with USCG VTS areas. The full report is expected to be published within several weeks. (9/13/16) [<http://www.nts.gov/news/press-releases/Pages/PR20160913.aspx>].

NOAA – Ocean Noise Strategy Roadmap



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) released its 144-page **Ocean Noise Strategy Roadmap**, intended to guide the agency in more effectively and comprehensively managing ocean noise effects on marine life. (9/13/16)
[http://cetsound.noaa.gov/Assets/cetsound/documents/Roadmap/ONS_Roadmap_Final_Complete.pdf].

FMC – Brown Bag Speakers on 15 September



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** stating that its Brown Bag Speaker Series continues on 15 September in Washington, DC. The speakers will discuss their experiences repurposing cargo containers for residential and other alternative uses. (9/13/16)
[<http://www.fmc.gov/brownbag-9-15-2016/>].

FMC – meeting on 20 September



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** stating that the Commissioners will meet on 20 September in Washington, DC. During the open session, they will receive briefings on the US/Japan Bilateral Discussions and the Foreign-based NVOCC Registration Renewal Process. During the closed session, they will receive briefings on the Hanjin Bankruptcy and on the Maersk/MSC Vessel Sharing Agreement. (9/13/16)
[http://www.fmc.gov/Meeting_9-20-2016/].

DOT – RFP for USMMA culture audit services



The Department of Transportation (DOT) issued a **Request for Proposals** (RFP) for culture audit services involving the US Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA). Deadline for submittal in 15 September. (9/7/16)
[http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/Misc/RFQ_KP_Study_160907.pdf]. *Note: Congress recently requested answers from DOT to a list of specific questions regarding the situation at the USMMA, including the sudden suspension of Sea Year. Various maritime labor unions have also expressed concern.*

Boston Light – first lit on 14 September 1716



Three hundred years ago today, on 14 September 1716, **Boston Light** on Brewster Island in Boston Harbor was lit for the first time. In accordance with the **Act of 23 July 1715**, passed by the Great and General Court of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, a duty of one penny per ton was assessed against ships and vessels transiting inwards or outwards, except for coasters, which were assessed a duty of two shillings each time they cleared out. The light remained in operation until destroyed by British forces as they evacuated Boston during the Revolutionary War. The light was rebuilt after the war. It is celebrated as the first lighthouse in what is now the United States. *Note: The copy of the 1715 Act was brought to my attention by my good friend Captain Byron Black, USCG.*

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