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## USCG – BWM system type-approval application



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** stating that it has received an application requesting USCG type-approval for the Optimarin ballast water management (BWM) system. This is the first such application to be submitted. (9/20/16) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2016/09/20/application-requesting-type-approval-ballast-water-management-system-optimarin/>].

## NOAA – record heat



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a **news release** stating that August marked the 16th consecutive month of record warmth for the globe. In addition, the globally-averaged sea surface temperature was the second warmest on record for August and the warmest for both the season and the year to date. (9/20/16) [<http://www.noaa.gov/news/august-marks-ongoing-trend-of-record-breaking-heat-for-globe>].

## 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 import and export LNG. **81 Fed. Reg. 64889** (9/21/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-09-21/pdf/2016-22750.pdf>].

## Court – ambiguous operations manual



In an unreported decision and over a vigorous dissent, the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit affirmed the district court's adverse judgment entered after a bench trial in the insurance company's negligence action against an oil refinery. The majority concurred with the district court in finding the provision in the oil refinery's operations manual regarding deployment of a boom with standoff around the entire vessel before the oil spill to be ambiguous. **North of England v. Tesoro Refining**, No. 14-56362 (9th Cir., September 19, 2016) [<http://cdn.ca9.uscourts.gov/datastore/memoranda/2016/09/19/14-56362.pdf>].

## IMO – energy efficiency guides



The IMO issued a **news release** stating that three new guides have been rolled out for strengthening effective implementation of the IMO energy efficiency regulations. The guides aim to support developing countries in strengthening and developing national regulatory frameworks related to the prevention of air pollution and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from ships. (9/20/16) [<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/23-glomeep-guides.aspx>].

## IMO – London Protocol



The IMO issued a **news release** urging more States to ratify the London Protocol, which regulates the dumping of wastes at sea. (9/20/16) [<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/24-LP-20.aspx>].

## Arctic Council – twentieth anniversary



On 19 September, the Arctic Council celebrated its **twentieth anniversary** as a high level intergovernmental forum to enhance cooperation, coordination and interaction among the Arctic States with the active involvement of Arctic indigenous peoples and other Arctic inhabitants on common Arctic issues. (9/19/16) [<http://www.arctic-council.org/index.php/en/about-us/arctic-council/20-year-anniversary>].

## Australia – settlement of reef damage claim



The Honorable Josh Frydenberg MP, Australian Minister for the Environment and Energy, issued a **media release** stating that the Australian Government has reached a \$39.3 million out of court settlement with the owners of the coal carrier Shen Neng 1, which ran aground at Douglas Shoal in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park in April 2010. The funds will allow the Marine Park Authority to initiate initial field operations to remove toxic anti-fouling paint and rubble, enabling reef restoration processes to begin. (9/19/16) [<http://www.joshfrydenberg.com.au/guest/mediaReleasesDetails.aspx?id=258>].

## UK – maritime critical to UK’s future success



The UK (DfT) posted the **speech** delivered by Transport Minister Lord Ahmad entitled “Maritime critical to UK’s future success”. (9/20/16) [<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/maritime-critical-to-uks-future-success>].

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