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Southeast US – Hurricane Matthew



The National Hurricane Center (NHC) issued a **forecast** regarding Hurricane Matthew that has it moving north along the Atlantic coast of Florida before slowing heading out to sea. The US Coast Guard has set port conditions

from Key West to North Carolina. If you are anywhere in this vicinity, take precautions now. (10/6/16)

[http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/refresh/graphics_at4+shtml/094542.shtml?5-daynl#contents].

Court – award of attorney fees



The US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit affirmed the district court's award of attorney fees to the prevailing plaintiff in an allision case where defendant ship owner acted in bad faith and for oppressive reasons in its defense of the case. **Moench v. Marquette Transportation**, No. 15-31105 (5th Cir., September 29, 2016) [<http://www.ca5.uscourts.gov/opinions/pub/15/15-31105-CVo.pdf>].

Panama Canal – neopanamax booking slots



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory stating that two additional booking slots, one in each direction, will be offered daily to neopanamax full container vessels for a period of time. **Advisory 51-2016** (10/4/16) [<https://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2016/a-51-2016.pdf>].

Singapore – bunkering enhancements



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a **news release** stating that Singapore intends to enhance bunkering in the future by, among other things, making adoption of mass flow meters (MFM) mandatory for all bunker deliveries in the port launching an LNG bunkering pilot program in 2017. (10/5/16) [<http://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/media-centre/news-releases/detail/dc9635ca-9356-4e6f-91ab-a04da0b4f147>].

UK – guidance re life-saving appliances



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued a Marine Guidance Note providing guidance on operational and test procedures regarding lifeboats, rescue boats, launching appliances, winches, and on-load release gear. **MGN 560(M)** (10/5/16) [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/558104/MGN_560.pdf].

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