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FMC – WWL & Eukor to pay \$1.5 million



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** announcing that it has reached a compromise agreement with Wallenius Wilhelmsen Logistics AS (WWL) and Eukor Car Carriers, Inc., collecting a combined \$1.5 million in civil penalties. The agreement resolved allegations that the companies violated the Shipping Act by acting in concert with other ocean common carriers with respect to the transportation of automobiles and other motorized vehicles by Ro/Ro or specialized car carrier vessels. (10/11/16) [<http://www.fmc.gov/NR16-22/>].

Alaska – ship under tow



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that the general cargo ship BBC Colorado is now under tow in the Gulf of Alaska after reporting a major engineering casualty while experiencing heavy weather. (10/11/16) [<http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2891622/>].

USCG – building cybersecurity governance



The US Coast Guard issued a bulletin regarding **Building Cybersecurity Governance**. (10/11/16) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2016/10/11/building-cybersecurity-governance/>].

USCG – Waves on the Waterfront



The US Coast Guard posted the October 2016 edition of **Waves on the Waterfront**. This edition includes articles on a recent Cyber Tabletop Exercise, the Government-Initiated Unannounced Exercise (GIUE) Program, and the Container Inspection Training & Assistance Program. (10/11/16) [[https://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg544/Waves%20on%20the%20Waterfront/WavesOnTheWaterfront%20\(October%202016\).pdf](https://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg544/Waves%20on%20the%20Waterfront/WavesOnTheWaterfront%20(October%202016).pdf)].

USCG – CIRCAC recertification



The USCG issued a notice stating that the Cook Inlet Regional Citizen's Advisory Committee (CIRCAC) has been recertified through 31 August. **81 Fed. Reg. 70429** (10/12/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-10-12/pdf/2016-24643.pdf>].

FEMA – PSGP paperwork



The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) issued a notice stating that it intends to revise the paperwork requirements regarding the Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) in an effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden. Comments must be submitted by 12 December. **81 Fed. Reg. 70431** (10/12/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-10-12/pdf/2016-24624.pdf>].

NOAA – North Pacific loggerhead sea turtle



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a notice stating that it is initiating a 5-year review for the distinct population segment of North Pacific Ocean loggerhead sea turtle and intends to draft a recovery plan. Comments must be received by 12 December. **81 Fed. Reg. 70394** (10/12/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-10-12/pdf/2016-24676.pdf>].

Washington – oil spill penalty



The Washington Department of Ecology issued a **news release** stating that a \$47,500 civil penalty has been assessed against the owners of a 58-year-old former fishing vessel that sank at its dock, spilling fuel and lubricating oil. Response costs of \$1,200 and a \$20,070 bill for environmental damage were also assessed. (10/3/16) [<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/news/2016/123.html>].

Panama Canal – additional neopanamax booking slots



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory announcing that it is making additional slots available for booking by

neopanamax vessels. [Advisory 53-2016](https://www.pan Canal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2016/a-53-2016.pdf) (10/10/16)
[<https://www.pan Canal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2016/a-53-2016.pdf>].

Terrorist attack on USS Cole – 12 October 2000



USS Cole (DDG-67) is a guided missile-equipped destroyer homeported in Norfolk. While on patrol duty in the Indian Ocean, Cole entered the port of Aden, Yemen for routine refueling on 12 October 2000. Several hours later, while refueling was underway, a small craft approached the port side amidships. As the small craft made contact with Cole's hull, it exploded, creating a large hole (about 40 feet in diameter) in the side of the destroyer. The explosion killed 17 sailors and injured another 39. The destroyer was severely damaged, but returned to Norfolk on the heavy-lift ship Blue Marlin. USS Cole returned to service on 29 November 2003. The Al Qaeda terrorist group claimed responsibility for the attack.

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