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Pacific Ocean – search for sailor suspended



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that the search for the Chinese trans-Pacific sailor has been suspended. The mariner was attempting to break the record for single-handed sailing from California to China and was in regular communication with his shoreside team until Monday. His sailboat was found 600 miles northwest of Oahu. In arduous weather, a US Navy vessel succeeded in getting personnel onboard the sailboat. The mariner was not onboard, but his lifejacket was found. (10/26/16) [<http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2895874/>].

DOJ – owner & operator fined \$1.3 million



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a **news release** stating that the owner and operator of the bulk carrier Gallia Graeca have been fined \$1.3 million for violation of the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships (APPS) by not recording the discharge of oily waste water into the ocean. (10/1/16) [<https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdwa/pr/ship-s-owner-and-operator-ordered-pay-13-million-fine-and-200000-community-service>].

DOJ – owner & operator plead guilty



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a **news release** stating that the owner and operator of the freighter Nils B pleaded guilty in federal court to violation of the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships (APPS) by failing to accurately maintain the ship's oil record book (ORB). At sentencing on 3 November, DOJ will recommend a total criminal penalty of \$750,000. (10/25/16) [<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/german-shipping-corporations-convicted-environmental-crimes>].

DHS – cyber attack on the Internet of Things



The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued a **news release** stating that, following the recent cyber incident involving use of malware to compromise certain Internet of Things devices, DHS is working to develop a set

of strategic principles for enhancing the security of such devices. (10/24/16)
[<https://www.dhs.gov/news/2016/10/24/statement-secretary-johnson-recent-cyber-incident>].

USCG – safety alarms



The US Coast Guard issued a Safety Alert reminding stakeholders of the importance of properly clearing or correcting safety alarms, rather than ignoring or disabling them. **Alert 16-16** (10/26/16)
[<https://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg545/alerts/1616.pdf>].

CMTS – critical US Arctic infrastructure



The Committee on the Marine Transportation System (CMTS) seeks comments on its draft “**Recommendations and Criteria for Using Federal Public-Private Partnerships to Support Critical US Arctic Infrastructure**”. Comments must be received by 23 November. (10/26/16)
[http://www.cmts.gov/downloads/CMTS_Recommendations_and_Criteria_for_Using_Federal_P3_Public_Comment_Draft_October_21_2016_v2.pdf].

BOEM – marine wildlife survey



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) issued a **press release** stating that a marine wildlife survey of waters within the Wind Energy Areas (WEAs) offshore Massachusetts and Rhode Island has been completed. This survey will help guide offshore wind energy development in those waters. (10/25/16) [<http://www.boem.gov/press10252016/>].

BSEE – SafeOCS program expanded



The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) issued a **press release** announcing expansion of the SafeOCS program beyond near miss reporting to include the confidential collection of equipment failure data in an effort to further reduce the risk of offshore incidents. (10/26/16)
[<https://www.bsee.gov/newsroom/latest-news/statements-and-releases/press-releases/bsee-expands-safeocs-program>].

MARAD – zero-emission high-speed passenger ferry



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) announced the release of a **feasibility study** examining the technical, regulatory, and economic feasibility of a high-speed passenger ferry powered solely by hydrogen fuel cells and its associated hydrogen fueling infrastructure in San Francisco Bay. (10/24/16) [<https://www.marad.dot.gov/wp-content/uploads/pdf/SF-BREEZE-Ferry-Feasibility-Study-Report-by-Sandia-National-Laboratory-2.pdf>].

OSHA – meeting on 15 November



The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) issued a notice stating that it will hold a public meeting on 15 November in Washington, DC to prepare for the upcoming session of United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (UNSCEGHS 32). **81 Fed. Reg. 74816** (10/27/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-10-27/pdf/2016-26002.pdf>].

NOAA – beluga whale



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) promulgated a rule designating the Sakhalin Bay-Nikolaya Bay-Amur River stock of beluga whales as a depleted stock. **81 Fed. Reg. 74711** (10/27/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-10-27/pdf/2016-25984.pdf>].

Court – Pacific bearded seal



The US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit reversed the district court opinion and ruled that the decision of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to list certain distinct population segments of the Pacific bearded seal as likely to become endangered within the foreseeable future was not arbitrary or capricious and was supported by substantial evidence. **Alaska Oil & Gas Association v. Pritzker**, No. 14-35806 (9th Cir., October 24, 2016) [<http://cdn.ca9.uscourts.gov/datastore/opinions/2016/10/24/14-35806.pdf>].

Equasis – World Fleet 2015



The European Maritime Safety Administration (EMSA) posted the Equasis Statistics for the **World Fleet 2015**. (10/26/16)

[<http://www.emsa.europa.eu/implementation-tasks/equasis-a-statistics/items/id/472.html?cid=95>].

Canada – pilotage waiver changes



The Canadian Pacific Pilotage Authority (PPA) issued a **news release** announcing changes to its waiver system, primarily with regard to tugs and barges transporting petroleum cargo products. (10/24/16)
[<http://www.ppa.gc.ca/text/publications/PPA%20News%20Release%20October%2024%202016.pdf>].

Panama Canal – Panamax vessels using Neopanamax locks



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory concerning requirements for Panamax vessels when transiting the Neopanamax locks. **Advisory 56-2016** (10/24/16)
[<https://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2016/a-56-2016.pdf>].

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