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USCG – Overview



The US Coast Guard prepared the **USCG Overview** to provide the Presidential Transition Team with an introduction to key strategic issues facing the service, as well as mission and resource information. (11/10/16) [<http://www.overview.uscg.mil/>]. *Note: This item was brought to my attention by my good friend Norm Paulhus.*

USCG – Liquefied Gas Senior Executive Forum



The **USCG Liquefied Gas Senior Executive Forum** will be hosted by the Society of International Gas Tanker and Terminal Operators (SIGTTO) in Houston on 7-8 December. (11/10/16) [<http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/Misc/LGSEF2016.pdf>].

USCG – MBLT Facility Cybersecurity



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** announcing that the Maritime Bulk Liquids Transfer (MBLT) Facility Cybersecurity Framework Profile will be released at the American Petroleum Institute's 11th Annual Cybersecurity Conference. (11/10/16) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2016/11/10/release-maritime-bulk-liquids-transfer-cybersecurity-framework-profile/>].

FMC – meeting on 17 November



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** stating that the Commissioners will meet on 17 November in Washington, DC. During the open session they will receive a briefing from the World Shipping Summit and a briefing on OTI License Renewals. During the closed session, they will receive a briefing on the Hanjin bankruptcy and shipping disruptions; an update on the PierPASS third-part audit and expanded gate workshop; and an empirical analysis of changing alliance structures in the transpacific trade. (11/9/16) [http://www.fmc.gov/meeting_11-17-2016/].

BSEE – investigation of platform explosion & fatality



The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) issued a **press release** stating that the investigation into the 20 November 2014 explosion and fatality on the West Delta Block 105, Platform E has been completed. A number of safety lapses were identified during the investigation. (11/10/16) [<https://www.bsee.gov/newsroom/latest-news/statements-and-releases/press-releases/bsee-releases-panel-investigation-0>].

California – shore power plan reminder



The California Air Resources Board (ARB) issued a **notice** reminding owners and operators of ocean-going vessels that berth in California ports that plans identifying the compliance option that their vessels will use to reduce at-berth emissions must be submitted by 1 December. (11/3/16) [<https://www.arb.ca.gov/ports/shorepower/shorepower.htm>].

California – auxiliary diesel engine enforcement



The California Air Resources Board (ARB) issued an **advisory** informing stakeholders as to how the agency will proceed with enforcement of the Airborne Toxic Control Measure for Auxiliary Diesel Engines Operated on Ocean-Going Vessels At-Berth in a California Port beginning 1 January 2017. (11/3/16) [<https://www.arb.ca.gov/ports/shorepower/forms/regulatoryadvisory2016/regulatoryadvisory110316.pdf>].

EU – European Coast Guard



The European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) issued a **press release** explaining the six core tasks and the five support roles of the European Coast Guard. (11/10/16) [<http://www.emsa.europa.eu/emsa-homepage/2-news-a-press-centre/news/2851-emsa-s-coast-guard-functions-explained.html>].

Denmark – PSCs to target sulphur compliance



The Danish Maritime Authority (DMA) issued a **news release** stating that the Paris and Tokyo MOUs have agreed to carry out a Concentrated Inspection

Campaign (CIC) in 2018 focusing on air pollution from ships, particularly the sulphur content of fuel. (11/10/16)
[<http://www.dma.dk/news/Sider/PortStateControlacrossthecontinentstotargetsulphurcompliance.aspx>].

Panama Canal – October operations



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory summarizing Canal operations during October, as well as including the schedule of locks maintenance outages for the remainder of the fiscal year. **Advisory 59-2016** (11/9/16)
[<https://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2016/a-59-2016.pdf>].

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Philippines – crew members abducted



The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre issued an **Incident Alert** stating that armed men boarded the bulk carrier Royal 16 on 11 November in the Basilan Strait of the Philippines and abducted six crew members (master, chief mate, 2nd officer, 3rd officer, bosun, and assistant bosun). Extra vigilance is advised for all vessels transiting the Sulu-Celebes Sea region. (11/11/16)
[http://www.recaap.org/DesktopModules/Bring2mind/DMX/Download.aspx?Command=Core_Download&EntryId=462&PortalId=0&TabId=78].

Somalia – counter-piracy patrols to continue



The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) adopted a resolution with respect to Somalia calling for, among other things, continued counter-piracy

patrols in the vicinity for at least another year. [Resolution 2316 \(2016\)](http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=S/RES/2316(2016)) (161109) [http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=S/RES/2316(2016)].

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