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USCG – Polar Code reminder



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** reminding stakeholders that a major portion of the IMO Polar Code enters into effect on 1 January 2017. All ships built on or after that date must comply with Part I-A of the code if they intend to operate in polar waters. Additionally, the MARPOL-related provisions found in Part II-A become effective for all applicable ships. (12/6/16)

[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2016/12/06/polar-code-entry-into-force/>].

Delaware River – safety zone



The US Coast Guard promulgated a rule establishing, through 15 March 2017, a temporary safety zone on waters of the Delaware River in the vicinity of Marcus Hook while rock blasting, dredging, and rock removal operations are being conducted. **81 Fed. Reg. 88112** (12/7/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-12-07/pdf/2016-29261.pdf>].

DOC – foreign trade zone request



The Department of Commerce (DOC) issued a notice stating that it has received an application on behalf of TopShip, LLC for a foreign trade zone in Gulfport. Comments must be received by 17 January 2017. **81 Fed. Reg. 88213** (12/7/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-12-07/pdf/2016-29353.pdf>].

DOC – foreign trade zone expansion



The Department of Commerce (DOC) issued a notice stating that it has approved the expansion of the foreign trade zone on behalf of LOOP LLC. **81 Fed. Reg. 88211** (12/7/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-12-07/pdf/2016-29344.pdf>].

FMC – information infrastructure



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** stating that Commissioner Rebecca Dye told the Port Performance North American Conference that meaningful, specific information will help American companies engaged in international trade gain a competitive advantage. (12/6/16) [http://www.fmc.gov/key_to_american_economic_competitiveness/].

IMO – Frank Wiswall awarded International Maritime Prize



The IMO issued a **news release** stating that the International Maritime Prize for 2015 has been awarded to Frank Wiswall, former chair of the IMO Legal Committee and Vice President (Honoris Causa) of the Comité Maritime International (CMI) for his contribution to the work of the IMO over many years.

(12/6/16) [<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/31-Prize-Wiswall.aspx>]. *Personal note: Well deserved!*

India – ballast water management



The Indian Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) issued a circular advising that recognized organizations (ROs) are authorized to approve ballast water management (BWM) plans and issue BWM certificates to Indian-flag vessels determined to be in compliance with the BWM Convention. **Engineering Circular 02-2016** (12/6/16)

[http://dgshipping.gov.in/WriteReadData/News/201612060612143875909eng_cir_2of2016.pdf].

Attack on Pearl Harbor – 7 December 1941



Today marks the 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, which directly caused the death of thousands of Americans and the sinking of a number of US Navy warships. It resulted in a major combat role for the US in World War II, which had commenced more than two years previously. Up until the attack, the US had limited its participation largely to supply and logistics. After the attack, it was all in. The war continued for almost another four years, with the loss of millions of lives and large-scale property destruction. A new world order eventually emerged. With hard work, increased cooperation, good luck, and mature judgment, we can avoid such conflicts in the future.

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