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USCG – restricted operators of UPVs



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** announcing a policy letter providing guidance to field units in determining appropriate qualifications for Restricted Operators of Uninspected Passenger Vessels (ROUPV). (12/7/16) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2016/12/07/restricted-operators-uninspected-passenger-vessels-endorsements/>].

USCG – FV Alaska Juris investigation



The US Coast Guard is making available the **live-streaming** of its marine casualty investigation of the loss of the fishing vessel Alaska Juris. (12/5/16)

[<https://livestream.com/USCGinvestigations/AlaskaJuris/videos/143559472>].
Note: This item was brought to my attention by my good friend Barry Campagnoni of [Independent Maritime Consulting](#).

NOAA – Gulf of Mexico Bryde’s whale



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) proposes to designate the Gulf of Mexico Bryde’s whale s endangered. Comments on the proposal must be received by 30 January 2017. [81 Fed. Reg. 88639](#) (12/8/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-12-08/pdf/2016-29412.pdf>].

FMC – meeting on 14 December



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a [news release](#) stating that the Commissioners will meet on 14 December in Washington, DC. During the open session, they will receive a briefing on the Supply Chain Innovation Teams and consider the final rule on Presentation of Evidence in Commission Adjudications. During the closed session they will consider the ALLIANCE Agreement. (12/7/16) [http://www.fmc.gov/meeting_12-14-2016/].

BOEM – renewable energy lease map book



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) posted the [OCS Renewable Energy Lease Map Book](#) providing an overview of active commercial and research leases issued by BOEM to date. (December 2016) [<https://www.boem.gov/Renewable-Energy-Lease-Map-Book/>].

DOJ – two engineering officers sentenced to prison



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a [news release](#) stating that two former engineering officers from the cargo ship Ocean Hope have been sentenced to prison for obstruction of a US Coast Guard investigation violation of the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships (APPS) by dumping oil sludge and oily bilge water into the ocean. (12/7/16) [<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/top-ship-engineers-receive-prison-sentences-pollution-crimes-and-obstruction>].

Senate – bill introduced re China sanctions



Senator Rubio (R-FL) introduced a bill (S. 3509) to impose sanctions with respect to the People's Republic of China in relation to activities in the South China Sea and the East China Sea. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Senator Rubio issued a [press release](#) explaining the measure. (12/6/16)
[<http://www.rubio.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/press-releases?id=736A0B2B-6A0C-45DA-B671-8F749CEEABE4>].

GAO – water resource projects



The Government Accountability Office (GAO) issued a report on water resource projects undertaken by nonfederal sponsors. The report recommends that the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) develop guidance for accurate recording of transactions and other relevant information about such projects, including federal reimbursement. [GAO-17-97](#) (12/6/16)
[<http://www.rubio.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/press-releases?id=736A0B2B-6A0C-45DA-B671-8F749CEEABE4>].

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