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USCG – BWM following type approval



The US Coast Guard article “[Ballast Water Management – Beyond Type Approval](#)” has been posted by the North American Marine Environment Protection Association (NAMEPA). The article discusses the next steps in the ballast water management (BWM) process now that various BWM systems have received type approval. (1/17/17) [<http://www.namepa.net/newsletter-articles/ballast-water-uscg>].

USCG – Proceedings



The US Coast Guard posted the Fall-Winter 2016 edition of the [Proceedings](#) of the Marine Safety & Security Council. The focus of this edition is recreational boating safety. (1/23/17) [<https://www.uscg.mil/proceedings/>].

NIST – cybersecurity proposal



The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) issued a notice stating that it seeks comments on its **proposed update** to the Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity. Among other things, the proposal includes enhanced guidance for applying the Framework for supply chain management. Comments must be received by 10 April. **82 Fed. Reg. 8408** (1/25/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-01-25/pdf/2017-01599.pdf>].

DOE – SPR sale and Jones Act vessels



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a **Notice of Sale** of eight million barrels of crude oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR). For oil to be transported by ship to a US port, the transportation must be conducted on vessels eligible to engage in the coastwise trade. (1/9/17) [<http://www.spr.doe.gov/doesec/2017-01/FY17%20SPR%20Modernization.pdf>].
*Note: This item was brought to my attention by my good friend Charlie Papavizas of **Winston & Strawn**.*

Senate – bill introduced re ocean & coastal ecosystems



Senator Nelson (D-FL) introduced the **Marine Oil Spill Prevention Act** (S. 74) to improve the ability of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Coast Guard, and coastal States to sustain healthy ocean and coastal ecosystems by maintaining and sustaining their capabilities relating to oil spill preparedness, prevention, response, and for other purposes. (1/9/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115s74is/pdf/BILLS-115s74is.pdf>].

Singapore – unlicensed bunker craft operator fined



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a **news release** stating that an unlicensed bunker craft operator has been fined \$81,000. (1/24/17) [<http://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/media-centre/news-releases/detail/ccd328e3-dae4-4d66-80d7-8065a2d650e5>].

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