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White House – reducing regulations



President Trump issued an executive order on **Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs**. Among other things, it calls for the repeal of two regulations for each new one promulgated and directs that the total incremental cost of new regulations shall be no greater than zero, unless otherwise required by law. (1/30/17) [<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/01/30/presidential-executive-order-reducing-regulation-and-controlling>].

USCG – El Faro investigation



The US Coast Guard issued a **media release** stating that the third and final USCG Marine Board of Investigation (MBI) hearing regarding the loss of the SS Eel Faro on 1 October 2015 will commence on 6 February 2017 in Jacksonville. (1/30/17)

[<http://www.uscgnews.com/external/content/document/4007/2915154/1/EL%20FARO%20hearing%20three%20follow%20up%20release%20with%20schedule%20-%2030Jan17%20-%20final.pdf>].

USCG – mariner training provider course approvals



The USCG National Maritime Center (NMC) issued an **update** to its bulletin regarding mariner training provider course approvals. The inventory of requests awaiting evaluation is down to less than 130, with none of those waiting longer than 80 days. The NMC works with providers who have submitted renewal applications to prevent expiration of approvals, either by extension of prioritization. (1/27/17)

[https://www.uscg.mil/nmc/announcements/pdfs/course_approvals_inventory_notice_update_0117.pdf].

St. Lawrence Seaway – casualty response exercise



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** stating that it recently hosted in Massena, New York a joint US and Canadian multi-agency Marine Casualty Table Top Exercise simulating a grounding in US waters of the St. Lawrence Seaway. (1/30/17) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/01/30/joint-uscanadian-interagency-marine-casualty-response-table-top-exercise/>].

FCC – Cybersecurity Risk Reduction



The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) posted a white paper entitled **Cybersecurity Risk Reduction**. The paper notes that network-connected devices present particular challenges. These vulnerabilities now can have large-scale impacts. (1/18/17)

[http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2017/db0118/DOC-343096A1.pdf].

New Zealand – lessons learned from Rena grounding



Maritime New Zealand issued a **media release** stating that the 2011 grounding and oil spill from the container ship Rena is now being used in public schools to illustrate preparation for and response to disasters. (1/26/17)

[<http://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/public/news/media-releases-2017/20170126a.asp>].

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