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## **USCG – NAVCEN website address**



The USCG Navigation Center (NAVCEN) has implemented a small but important change to its website address. It is now <https://www.navcen.uscg.gov>, instead of <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov>. This change provides a secure, encrypted connection between browsers or other tools connecting to the Navigation Center website. It also provides authentication that you are unquestionably connecting to the Navigation Center website. (1/31/17).

## FMC – delay of rulemaking



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) has delayed, until 3 April, the effective date of its final rule reorganizing its Rules of Practice and Procedure and revising its rules regarding presentation of evidence in Commission proceedings. **82 Fed. Reg. 8903** (2/1/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-02-01/pdf/2017-02072.pdf>].

## NOAA – national marine sanctuary advisory councils



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) seeks applications for vacant seats for various national marine sanctuary advisory councils. Applications must be received by 28 February. **82 Fed. Reg. 8921** (2/1/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-02-01/pdf/2017-01932.pdf>].

## Senate – bill introduced re foreign oil spills



Senator Murkowski (R-AK) introduced the **Foreign Spill Protection Act of 2017** (S. 125) to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to impose penalties and provide for the recovery of removal costs and damages in connection with certain discharges of oil from foreign offshore units, and for other purposes. (1/11/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115s125is/pdf/BILLS-115s125is.pdf>].

## House – bill introduced re exports to Cuba



Representative Serrano (D-NY) introduced the **Promoting American Agricultural and Medical Exports to Cuba Act of 2017** (H.R. 572) to facilitate the export of United States agricultural products to Cuba as authorized by the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000, to remove impediments to the export to Cuba of medical devices and medicines, to allow travel to Cuba by United States legal residents, to establish an agricultural export promotion program with respect to Cuba, and for other purposes. (1/13/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115hr572ih/pdf/BILLS-115hr572ih.pdf>].

## House – bill introduced re Cuban trade embargo



Representative Serrano (D-NY) introduced the **Cuba Reconciliation Act** (H.R. 574) to lift the trade embargo on Cuba, and for other purposes. (1/13/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115hr574ih/pdf/BILLS-115hr574ih.pdf>].

## House – bill introduced re hiring freeze



Representative Kilmer (D-WA) introduced a bill (H.R. 742) to prohibit any hiring freeze from affecting any Department of Defense position at, or in support of, a public shipyard. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (1/30/17).

## House – resolution introduced re Arctic OCS drilling



Representative Young (R-AK) introduced a joint resolution (**H.J. Res. 47**) disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of the Interior regarding requirements for exploratory drilling on the Arctic Outer Continental Shelf. (1/30/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115hjres47ih/pdf/BILLS-115hjres47ih.pdf>].

## EMSA – waste management



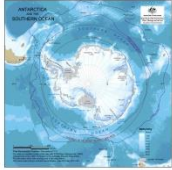
The European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) posted a study entitled “**The Management of Ship-Generated Waste On-Board Ships**”. This study provides an empirical overview of the management, drivers, technologies and the quantities of different categories of ship-generated waste. The data presented in this report have been collected from ship audits, interviews, a literature review, an online survey among stakeholders and audits of waste notification forms. (1/31/17) [<http://www.emsa.europa.eu/emsa-homepage/2-news-a-press-centre/news/2925-the-management-of-ship-generated-waste-on-board-ships.html>].

## ReCAAP – weekly report



The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre posted its **Weekly Report** for the period 24-30 January. It received reports of two incidents at anchorages in Bangladesh and the Philippines. (1/31/17) [[http://www.recaap.org/DesktopModules/Bring2mind/DMX/Download.aspx?Command=Core\\_Download&EntryId=476&PortalId=0&TabId=78](http://www.recaap.org/DesktopModules/Bring2mind/DMX/Download.aspx?Command=Core_Download&EntryId=476&PortalId=0&TabId=78)].

## Antarctic – medevac of cruise ship passenger



Maritime New Zealand issued a **media release** stating that Rescue Coordination Centre New Zealand is working with the US Antarctic Program at McMurdo Station to medically evacuate a passenger on the cruise ship Ortelius who suffered a suspected stroke. The cruise ship is currently in the Ross Sea. (1/31/17) [<http://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/public/news/media-releases-2017/20170131a.asp>].

## Australia – scaffolding collapse in cargo hold



The Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) issued a **notice** stating that it has opened an investigation into the serious injury of two crew members on board the bulk carrier Shanghai Spirit at Port Alma on 29 January. They were carrying out routine maintenance from scaffolding in a cargo hold when the scaffolding toppled over. (1/31/17) [[http://www.atsb.gov.au/publications/investigation\\_reports/2017/mair/328-mo-2017-001/](http://www.atsb.gov.au/publications/investigation_reports/2017/mair/328-mo-2017-001/)].

## Denmark – abolishment of special requirements



The Danish Maritime Authority (DMA) issued a **news release** stating that it is working to abolish special requirements for Danish shipping, making them more consistent with those of other maritime nations. (1/30/17) [<http://www.dma.dk/news/Sider/DMAcontinuestoabolishspecialrequirementsforDanishshipping.aspx>].

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