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## **MARAD – advisory re southern Red Sea**



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) issued an advisory stating that a maritime attack against a Saudi frigate resulting in an explosion has been reported in the southern Red Sea in the vicinity of Hudaydah Port, Yemen. Ships are advised to exercise caution when transiting this area. **Advisory 2017-001A** (1/31/17) [<https://www.marad.dot.gov/msci/alert/2017/22774/>]. *Note: Unofficial reports indicate that two sailors on the frigate died in the suicide attack.*

## **USCG – use of LNG as a fuel**



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** containing a compilation of USCG and IMO policies regarding use of liquefied natural gas (LNG) as a fuel. (2/1/17) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/02/01/recap-lgc-ncoe-presentation-passenger-ship-safety-conference/>].

## NOSAC – meeting on 21 February



The National offshore Safety Advisory Committee (NOSAC), sponsored by the US Coast Guard, will meet via teleconference on 21 February to discuss safety management systems for vessels engaging in well intervention activities. **82 Fed. Reg. 9070** (2/2/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-02-02/pdf/2017-02242.pdf>].

## GAO – STCW training



The Government Accountability Office (GAO) released the report of its review of the US Coast Guard and training provided to mariners regarding the revisions to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification, and Watchkeeping (STCW Convention). Most training providers expressed satisfaction with guidance received from the Coast Guard regarding implementation of the revised standards, but some would have liked more guidance for developing a quality assurance process. **GAO-17-40** (2/1/17) [<http://www.gao.gov/assets/690/682377.pdf>].

## UK – General Lighthouse Fund



The UK Department for Transport (DfT) posted the 2016 report and accounts for the **General Lighthouse Fund**. The documents consolidate the General Lighthouse Authorities accounts from Trinity House, the Commissioners of Northern Lights, and the Commissioners of Irish Lights. (1/31/17) [<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/general-lighthouse-fund-report-and-accounts-2016>].

## Ground Hog's Day – 2 February 2017



February 2 is celebrated as **Ground Hog's Day** throughout the civilized world (i.e., Canada and the United States). On this day, if the ground hog (or woodchuck) comes out of its burrow and fails to see its shadow, winter will end in six weeks. If, though, the ground hog sees its shadow, then spring will arrive in a month and a half. In the 1993 movie, the title role was played by Bill Murray. (2/2/17).

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