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USCG – NOAD unavailable on 14 February



The USCG National Vessel Movement Center (NVMC) issued a **notice** stating that its Notice of Arrival and Departure (NOAD) system will be down for maintenance between 0200 and 0700 on Tuesday, 14 February, due to scheduled system maintenance. (2/8/17)

[[http://www.nvmc.uscg.gov/nvmc/\(S\(sigvrqv5fzjotfehqrhvjc32\)\)/default.aspx](http://www.nvmc.uscg.gov/nvmc/(S(sigvrqv5fzjotfehqrhvjc32))/default.aspx)].

USCG – innovation in the maritime industry



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** regarding innovation in the maritime industry and how regulators work to support that innovation while maintaining safety. (2/8/17)

[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/02/08/innovation-maritime-industry/>].

CBP – comment period extended



The US Customs and Border Protection (CBP), on pages 22-23 of its latest **Customs Bulletin and Decisions newsletter**, announced that the period within which to submit comments on its proposed modification and revocation of ruling letters relating to Customs application of the Jones Act to the transportation of certain merchandise and equipment between coastwise points has been extended to April 18. CBP also seeks comments on whether a further extension of the comment period is warranted. (2/8/17)

[https://www.cbp.gov/sites/default/files/assets/documents/2017-Feb/Vol_51_No_6_title.pdf].

FMC – meeting on 15 February



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** stating that the Commissioners will meet in open session on 15 February in Washington, DC. Topics to be considered are: briefing on the Competition Law in the Transport Sector Conference and update on Docket No. 16-05: Service Contracts and NVOCC Service Arrangements. (2/8/17)

[http://www.fmc.gov/meeting_2-15-2017/].

DOS – meeting on 1 March re NCSR 4



The Department of State (DOS) issued a notice stating that it will conduct an open meeting on 1 March in Arlington, Virginia to prepare for the upcoming session of the IMO Sub-Committee on Navigation, Communication, and Search and Rescue (NCSR 4). Topics on the agenda include: routing measures and mandatory ship reporting systems; LRIT; Integrated Navigation Display Systems display; and harmonized PNT data for multi-system shipborne

radionavigation receivers. **82 Fed. Reg. 10174** (2/9/17)
[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-02-09/pdf/2017-02602.pdf>].

DOS – meeting on 2 March re SSE 3



The Department of State (DOS) issued a notice stating that it will conduct an open meeting on 2 March in Arlington, Virginia to prepare for the upcoming session of the IMO Sub-Committee on Ship Systems and Equipment (SSE 3). Topics on the agenda include: alternative design and arrangements; on-board lifting appliances and winches; and DP system guidelines. **82 Fed. Reg. 10175** (2/9/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-02-09/pdf/2017-02601.pdf>].

GAO – C-TPAT program data problems



The Government Accountability Office (GAO) issued the report of its examination of the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT) program. It found problems with the program's security validation responsibilities because of problems with the functionality of the program's data management system. The system sometimes incorrectly altered C-TPAT members' data and impairing the ability of C-TPAT security specialists to identify and complete required security validations in a timely and efficient manner. CBP cannot determine the extent to which C-TPAT members are receiving benefits because of the data problems. **GAO-17-84** (2/8/17) [<http://www.gao.gov/assets/690/682620.pdf>].

CRS – building the 355-ship Navy



The Congressional Research Service (CRS) issued a report on Navy force structure and shipbuilding plans. The report estimates that procuring the 57 to 67 ships that might need to be added to the 30-year shipbuilding plan to achieve and maintain the new force structure goal of a 355-ship fleet – a total that equates to an average of 1.9 to 2.2 additional ships per year over the 30-year period – could cost an average of roughly \$4.6 billion to \$5.1 billion per year in additional shipbuilding funds over the thirty year period, using today's shipbuilding costs. **RL32665** (2/2/17)
[<https://fas.org/sgp/crs/weapons/RL32665.pdf>].

Court – passenger injury



In an unpublished decision, the US Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit affirmed the summary judgment in favor of defendant cruise line. Plaintiff passenger alleged that defendant's negligence was the cause of his injury during a shoreside motorcycle excursion. The district court ruled that plaintiff failed to produce any evidence from which it could be inferred that defendant knew or should have known of any dangerous or unsafe condition associated with the excursion. **Kadylak v. Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd**, No. 16-11294 (11th Cir., February 8, 2017) [<http://media.ca11.uscourts.gov/opinions/unpub/files/201611294.pdf>].

UK – ‘relative motion illusion’ causes collision



The UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) issued the report of its investigation of the collision between the pure car carrier City of Rotterdam and the ro-ro freight ferry Primula Seaways in River Humber on 3 December 2015. The outbound car carrier had been set to the northern (inbound) side of the channel, but this had not been corrected because the pilot had become disoriented after looking through an off-axis window on the semi-circular bridge. The car carrier was of an unconventional design and the pilot's disorientation was due to 'relative motion illusion', which caused the pilot to think that the vessel was traveling in the direction in which he was looking. **Report No. 3/2017** (2/8/17) [<https://www.gov.uk/maib-reports/collision-between-pure-car-carrier-city-of-rotterdam-and-ro-ro-freight-ferry-primula-seaways>].

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