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## **USCG – NVICs re OSV personnel**



The USCG National Maritime Center (NMC) issued a **notice** announcing publication of Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circulars (NVICs) regarding offshore supply vessel personnel including: (1) mates and OICNW; (2) chief engineers; (3) masters and chief mates; and (4) assistant engineers and OICEW. (2/16/17)

[[https://www.uscg.mil/nmc/announcements/pdfs/publication\\_of\\_nvics\\_related\\_to\\_osvs.pdf](https://www.uscg.mil/nmc/announcements/pdfs/publication_of_nvics_related_to_osvs.pdf)].

### USCG – AIS encoding guidance



The US Coast Guard issued a **notice** announcing that it seeks volunteers for participation in the beta test of its AIS encoding guidance, designed to allow ship agents, owners, and operators to determine if their vessels are broadcasting correct static AIS data. (2/13/17)

[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/02/13/2132017-navcen-seeks-beta-test-participants-for-new-ais-data-tool/>].

### Miami – anchorage areas



The US Coast Guard proposes to divide the Miami Anchorage into two separate anchorage areas. Comments must be received by 24 March. **82 Fed. Reg. 11329** (2/22/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-02-22/pdf/2017-03405.pdf>].

### BEA – foreign ocean carriers' expenses



The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) issued a notice stating that it is conducting a survey of foreign ocean carriers' expenses in the United States (BE-29). Reports are to be submitted within 90 days after the end of the calendar year. **82 Fed. Reg. 10736** (2/15/17)

[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-02-15/pdf/2017-03071.pdf>].

### BEA – US carriers' revenues and expenses



The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) issued a notice stating that it is conducting a survey of ocean freight revenues and foreign expenses of US carriers (BE-30). Reports are to be submitted within 45 days after the end of the calendar quarter. **82 Fed. Reg. 10735** (2/15/17)

[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-02-15/pdf/2017-03065.pdf>].

### St. Lawrence Seaway – 2017 navigation season



The Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway System issued a notice stating that the 2017 navigation season will commence on 20 March.

**Notice 1-2017** (2/17/17) [<http://www.greatlakes-seaway.com/en/pdf/navigation/notice20170217.pdf>].

## USMMA – commercial sea year training resumed



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) issued a **news release** stating that the US Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) has resumed the commercial sea year training for midshipmen. (2/15/17)

[[https://www.marad.dot.gov/newsroom/news\\_release/2017/united-states-merchant-marine-academy-announces-resumption-of-commercial-sea-year/](https://www.marad.dot.gov/newsroom/news_release/2017/united-states-merchant-marine-academy-announces-resumption-of-commercial-sea-year/)].

## FMC – Commissioner Khouri designated Chairman



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** stating that Commissioner Michael A. Khouri has been designated by President Trump to serve as Acting Chairman of the FMC. (2/15/17)

[<http://www.fmc.gov/NR17-02/>].

## DOJ – USN commander charged with conspiracy



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a **news release** stating that a current US Navy commander has been charged with accepting luxury travel, elaborate dinners, and services of prostitutes from foreign defense contractor Leonard Francis in exchange for classified and internal Navy information. (1/16/17) [<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/us-navy-commander-charged-part-expanding-navy-bribery-scandal>].

## USACE – MTS performance measures



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) posted a report entitled **Marine Transportation System Performance Measures Research**. (June 2016) [[http://acwc.sdp.sirsi.net/client/en\\_US/search/asset/1050326](http://acwc.sdp.sirsi.net/client/en_US/search/asset/1050326)].

## GAO – cybersecurity



The Government Accountability Office (GAO) issued a report on actions needed to strengthen US cybersecurity capabilities. Among these is the need to effectively implement risk-based entity-wide information security programs consistently over time. **GAO-17-440T** (2/14/17)

[<http://www.gao.gov/assets/690/682756.pdf>].

## Court – duty of care to passenger



In an unpublished decision, the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit ruled that defendant cruise line did not breach its duty of care to a passenger that it transferred ashore to a hospital after he was injured on board. **Casorio v. Princess Cruise Lines**, No. 15-56239 (9th Cir., February 16, 2017) [<http://cdn.ca9.uscourts.gov/datastore/memoranda/2017/02/16/15-56239.pdf>].

## Sulu Sea – fatal pirate attack



The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre issued an **incident alert** concerning the abduction by pirates of six crew members of the bulk carrier Giang Hai and the killing of one crew member. The attack occurred on 19 February in the Sulu Sea approximately 35 nm northwest of Doc Can Island. (2/20/17) [[http://www.recaap.org/DesktopModules/Bring2mind/DMX/Download.aspx?Command=Core\\_Download&EntryId=482&PortalId=0&TabId=78](http://www.recaap.org/DesktopModules/Bring2mind/DMX/Download.aspx?Command=Core_Download&EntryId=482&PortalId=0&TabId=78)].

## New Zealand – MLC 2006 enforcement



Maritime New Zealand issued a **media release** stating that it will commence enforcement of the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC 2006) on 9 March. (2/17/17) [<http://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/public/news/media-releases-2017/20170217a.asp>].

## Panama Canal – public relations services tariff



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory regarding a new public relations services tariff, effective 1 March. **Advisory 06-2017** (2/17/17) [<https://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2017/a-06-2017.pdf>].

## MREN – Coral reefs



In the February 2017 edition of Maritime Reporter and Engineering News, you can find my article entitled "**Coral reefs**". The article discusses the formation, location, and composition of coral reefs. Such reefs are important to the health and diversity of the marine biosphere. They are increasingly threatened by acidification, sea level rise, bleaching, and habitat loss.

[<http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/MREN/MREN170200.pdf>].

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