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NTSB – cruise ship allision



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) released the report of its investigation of the allision of the passenger vessel Carnival Pride with the pier and fendering at the Cruise Maryland Terminal in Baltimore on 8 May 2016. There were no injuries or pollution, but damages exceeded \$2 million. The probable cause of the allision was the staff captain's errors during the docking maneuver—approaching the pier with excessive speed and at too steep of an angle—and the captain's insufficient oversight during the maneuver. **MAB 17-06 (3/7/17)**

[<https://www.nts.gov/investigations/AccidentReports/Reports/MAB1706.pdf>].

DOD – Freedom of Navigation report



The Department of Defense (DOD) posted its **FY2016 Freedom of Navigation (FON) Report**. During the year, US assets challenged the excessive maritime claims of twenty-two nations (some on multiple occasions). (2/28/17) [<http://policy.defense.gov/Portals/11/FY16%20DOD%20FON%20Report.pdf?ve r=2017-03-03-141349-943>].

USCG – RADM Thomas interview



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** stating that Rear Admiral Paul Thomas, Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy, was interviewed by Marine News Magazine regarding Coast Guard safety and regulatory matters impacting the maritime industry. (3/7/17) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/03/07/372017-interview-with-rear-adm-paul-thomas-assistant-commandant-for-prevention-policy/>].

EC – Earth observation satellite



The European Commission (EC) issued a **press release** stating that the latest Copernicus satellite (Sentinel-2B) has been launched into orbit. Working with Sentinel-2A, it will provide high-resolution images of the entire Earth every five days. These images will allow, for example, increased productivity of fish farms by monitoring toxic algal blooms. (3/7/17) [http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-446_en.htm].

Ireland – craze cracking on certain EPIRBs



The Irish Department of Transport, Tourism, and Sport issued a **Marine Notice** advising of localized craze cracking on the outside of the waterproof seal (main O ring seal) of the McMurdo SmartFind EPIRB and the Sport/Sport Pro/Sport Pro + models of the Kennad Marine EPIRB. (3/7/17) [http://www.dttas.ie/sites/default/files/MNO9of2017_EPIRB_product_info%20%282%29.pdf].

Panama Canal – mooring lines



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory reminding stakeholders that vessels are required to have six manila or synthetic mooring lines forward and six aft, in good condition, prior to commencing transit.

Advisory 8-2017 (3/6/17)

[<https://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2017/a-08-2017.pdf>].

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