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## **USCG – BWM extended compliance dates**



The US Coast Guard posted revised **highlights and tips for application** concerning extended compliance dates under its Ballast Water Management regulations (3/6/17) [[http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/Misc/Highlights\\_170306.pdf](http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/Misc/Highlights_170306.pdf)]. *Note: This is a repeat of Friday's item, with a new link as several long-suffering readers reported problems with the original link.*

## **FMC – Carrier Agreement Library**



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** stating that it has launched a redesigned, more user-friendly **Carrier Agreement**

**Library.** The library provides open access to filed carrier agreements, allowing users to search for, identify, and review vessel-operating common carrier agreements. (3/24/17)

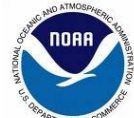
[[http://www.fmc.gov/updated\\_carrier\\_agreement\\_library/](http://www.fmc.gov/updated_carrier_agreement_library/)].

### **FMC – FY 2016 Service Contract Inventory Analysis**



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a notice stating that announcing the availability on the Internet of the **FY 2016 Service Contract Inventory Analysis**, including background, methodology, agency analysis, contracted services and agency objectives, and agency findings. **82 Fed. Reg. 15220** (3/27/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-03-27/pdf/2017-05917.pdf>].

### **NOAA – NSGAB nominations sought**



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a notice stating that it seeks nominations for the National Sea Grant Advisory Board (NSGAB). **82 Fed. Reg. 15186** (3/27/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-03-27/pdf/2017-06011.pdf>].

### **House – bill introduced re Ambassador at Large for Arctic Affairs**



Representative Sensenbrenner (R-WI) introduced the **United States Ambassador at Large for Arctic Affairs Act of 2017** (H.R. 1559) to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to establish a United States Ambassador at Large for Arctic Affairs, and for other purposes. Representative Sensenbrenner issued a **press release** explaining the measure. (3/16/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115hr1559ih/pdf/BILLS-115hr1559ih.pdf>].

### **House – bill introduced re maritime security training**



Representative Ruiz (D-CA) introduced the **Stop Iran from Smuggling Weapons to Terrorists Act** (H.R. 1619) to authorize assistance and training to increase maritime security and domain awareness of foreign countries bordering the Persian Gulf, the Arabian Sea, or the Mediterranean Sea in order to deter and counter illicit smuggling and related maritime activity by Iran, including illicit

Iranian weapons shipments. (3/17/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115hr1619ih/pdf/BILLS-115hr1619ih.pdf>].

### Panama Canal – guarantee of payment requirement



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory reminding stakeholders of the guarantee of payment requirement for the Panama Canal Shipboard Oil Pollution Emergency Plan (PCSOPEP). **Advisory 11-2017** (3/23/17) [<https://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2017/a-11-2017.pdf>].

### Somalia – dhow hijacked



The UK Maritime Trade Operations (MTO) issued a **bulletin** stating that a small vessel (assessed as a Dhow) has been hijacked in the vicinity of EYL, SOMALIA. Some crew have been put ashore and the vessel is now proceeding to sea; course, speed and destination unknown. Vessels are advised to exercise extreme caution. (3/24/17) [<https://www.ukmto.org/indian-ocean>].

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