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USCG – conditions of entry on vessels from Nauru



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that it will impose conditions of entry for certain vessels arriving from Nauru. The notice will enter into effect on 14 April. **82 Fed. Reg. 16052** (3/31/17)
[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-03-31/pdf/2017-06399.pdf>].

BOEM – Cape Wind SEIS



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) issued a notice stating that it seeks comments on the **draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement** (SEIS) for the Cape Wind Energy Project. Comments must be

submitted by 15 May. **82 Fed. Reg. 16060** (3/31/17)
[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-03-31/pdf/2017-06103.pdf>].

DOD – IWUB charter renewed



The Department of Defense (DOD) issued a notice stating that it is renewing the charter for the Inland Waterways Users Board (IWUB). **82 Fed. Reg. 16028** (3/31/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-03-31/pdf/2017-06361.pdf>].

FMC – service contracts & NVOCC service arrangements



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** stating that its final rule amending requirements for service contracts and NVOCC service arrangements will enter into effect on 5 May. The **final rule** in Docket No. 16-05 is available now and will be published in the Federal Register on 4 April. (3/30/17) [<http://www.fmc.gov/NR17-04/>].

Baltimore – Port-Wide Industry Day



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** stating that the Federal Agency Quality Work Group is hosting a Port-Wide Industry Day on Tuesday, 4 April in Baltimore. Various federal agencies will be represented in this informal exchange of information intended to advance safe, secure, and environmentally sound maritime commerce. (3/30/17)
[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/03/30/3302017-federal-agency-quality-work-group-port-wide-industry-day-to-be-held-in-baltimore/>].

NTSB – towing vessel sinking



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) issued the report of its investigation into the sinking of the US towing vessel Spence on 14 December 2015 about 115 nautical miles north of Cartagena, Columbia. The vessel was towing a barge and began to list severely after taking on water. The EPIRB was activated and the crew evacuated to the barge. The towing vessel sank soon afterward. The crew was rescued by the USCGC Decisive. The probable cause of the sinking was gradual flooding from an unknown point of ingress into a void space aft followed by downflooding to the engine room. **MAB 17-07** (3/30/17)
[<https://www.nts.gov/investigations/AccidentReports/Reports/MAB1707.pdf>].

Senate – bill introduced re marine debris



Senator Sullivan (R-AK) introduced a bill (S. 756) to reauthorize and amend the Marine Debris Act to promote international action to reduce marine debris, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Senator Sullivan issued a [press release](#) explaining the measure. (3/29/17) [<https://www.sullivan.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/senators-form-bipartisan-alliance-to-address-marine-debris-crisis>].

Senate – bill introduced re maritime security



Senator Thune (R-SD) introduced a bill (S. 763) to improve surface and maritime transportation security. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (3/29/17).

House – bill introduced to ban Arctic Ocean drilling



Representative Huffman (D-CA) introduced a bill (H.R. 1784) to prohibit drilling in the Arctic Ocean. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Representative Huffman issued a [press release](#) explaining the measure. (3/29/17) [<http://huffman.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/rep-huffman-introduces-stop-arctic-ocean-drilling-act-o>].

Denmark – offshore wind industry safety



The Danish Maritime Authority (DMA) issued a [press release](#) concerning offshore wind industry safety. (3/30/17) [<http://www.dma.dk/Presse/Nyheder/Sider/Safety-analysis-provides-offshore-wind-industry-with-new-insight.aspx>].

Panama Canal – locks lane outage



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory announcing the rescheduling of the locks lane outage of the west lane of Gatun Locks from 1800 on 8 April until 0600 on 9 April. Condition 1.a of the Transit

Reservation System will be in effect for the Panamax locks on 9 April. **Advisory 12-2017** (3/29/17)
[<https://www.pan canal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2017/a-12-2017.pdf>].

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