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DOS – meeting re IMO Legal Committee



The Department of State (DOS) issued a notice stating that a meeting will be held in Washington, DC on 17 April to prepare for the upcoming meeting of the IMO Legal Committee (LEG 104). Topics on the agenda include fair treatment of seafarers in the event of a maritime accident and piracy. **82 Fed. Reg. 17717** (4/12/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-04-12/pdf/2017-07340.pdf>].

USCG – recreational boating safety projects



The US Coast Guard issued a notice announcing the recreational boating safety projects, programs, and activities funded under provisions of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century during FY 2016. **82 Fed. Reg. 17671** (4/12/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-04-12/pdf/2017-07265.pdf>].

DOE – application to export LNG



The Department of Energy issued a notice stating that it received an application from Freeport LNG Development LP for authorization to export previously imported LNG on a short-term basis. Comments must be received by 12 May. **82 Fed. Reg. 17646** (4/12/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-04-12/pdf/2017-07337.pdf>].

DOE – application to export LNG



The Department of Energy issued a notice stating that it received an application from Dominion Cove Point LNG LP for authorization to export LNG on a short-term basis. Comments must be received by 12 May. **82 Fed. Reg. 17648** (4/12/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-04-12/pdf/2017-07338.pdf>].

DOE – authorization to import/export LNG



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a summary of recent orders granting authority to import and export LNG. **82 Fed. Reg. 17647** (4/12/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-04-12/pdf/2017-07339.pdf>].

Court – cure and future medical expenses



The US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit affirmed the award of damages under the Jones Act and general maritime law against the owner of a barge that suffered a casualty that led to the death of one crew member and injuries to three others. With regard to the deceased, the court upheld the award of damages for pre-death fear and conscious pain and suffering as well as loss of

past and future support for his daughter. With regard to one of the injured crew members, the court held that the plaintiff could recover for future cure until he reaches maximum medical improvement, as well as a recovery in tort of \$55,185 in future medical expenses beyond his maximum medical improvement.

McBride v Estis Well Service, No. 16-30481 (5th Cir., April 10, 2017)

[<http://www.ca5.uscourts.gov/opinions/pub/16/16-30481-CVo.pdf>]. *Note: This item was brought to my attention by my good friend Charles Davis.*

EC – MRV FAQ



The European Commission (EC) posted its **Frequently Asked Questions** (FAQ) concerning the monitoring, reporting, and verification (MRV) program for ships calling at EU ports. Covered vessels will be required, as of 1 January 2018, to monitor and report their CO₂ emissions. (4/7/17)
[https://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/transport/shipping_en#tab-o-3].

ReCAAP – weekly report



The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre posted its **Weekly Report** for the week of 4-10 April. There were two reports of armed robbery against ships in Asia during this period. (4/11/17)
[http://www.recaap.org/DesktopModules/Bring2mind/DMX/Download.aspx?Command=Core_Download&EntryId=501&PortalId=0&TabId=78].

Malta – spill response project



Transport Malta issued a **news release** stating that its Oil/HNS Spill Response Capability Building project has been successfully completed. (4/10/17)
[<http://www.transport.gov.mt/news/press-release-10-april-2017-spill-response-project-completed>].

UK – safety alert re electrolytic chlorination



The UK Health and Safety Executive (HSE) issued a **Safety Alert** to draw attention to potential hazards arising from the use of marine ballast water systems incorporating electrolysis-based treatment units (also referred to as electrolytic chlorination). The HSE is investigating an incident involving the catastrophic failure of a unit that had been in use on a semi-submersible installation operating on the UK continental shelf. HSE recommends that

owners and operators using these type units undertake a suitable and sufficient assessment of the risks involved. (11/25/16)
[<http://www.hse.gov.uk/safetybulletins/electrolytic-chlorination-units.htm>].

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