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SHC – meeting on 23 May re MSC 98



The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC), sponsored by the Department of State (DOS), will meet on 23 May in Washington, DC to prepare for the upcoming session of the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 98). Topics on the agenda include: maritime security; ship construction standards; and piracy. [82 Fed. Reg. 19781](https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-04-28/pdf/2017-08552.pdf) (4/28/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-04-28/pdf/2017-08552.pdf>].

SHC – meeting on 28 June re MEPC 71



The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC), sponsored by the Department of State (DOS), will meet on 28 June in Washington, DC to prepare for the upcoming session of the IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 71). Topics on the agenda include: harmful aquatic organisms in ballast water; air pollution; and reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. **82 Fed. Reg. 19781** (4/28/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-04-28/pdf/2017-08551.pdf>].

DOE – import and export of LNG



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a summary of orders issued during March granting authority to import and export LNG. **82 Fed. Reg. 19707** (4/28/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-04-28/pdf/2017-08623.pdf>].

DOJ – convicted pirate sentenced to life plus 10



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a **news release** stating that the Somali national convicted of engaging in piracy and committing other offenses pertaining to the April 2010 attack on the USS Ashland has been sentenced to life plus ten years in prison. (4/26/17) [<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/somali-pirate-sentenced-life-2010-attack-uss-ashland>]. *Note: The additional 10 years is for sleeping through the warship identification class.*

NOAA – humpback whale mortality event



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a **news release** stating that it is declaring the recent deaths of 41 humpback whales from 2016 through the present from Maine to North Carolina to be an unusual mortality event, triggering a focused, expert investigation into the cause. (4/26/17) [<http://www.noaa.gov/media-advisory/427-noaa-declares-deaths-of-humpback-whales-along-east-coast-unusual-mortality-event>].

House – bill introduced re drilling offshore Russia



Representative Waters (D-CA) introduced a bill (H.R. 2145) to prohibit licenses or other authorization for United States persons to engage in activities relating to deepwater, Arctic offshore, or shale projects that have the potential to produce oil in the Russian Federation, or in maritime area claimed by the Russian Federation, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (4/25/17). *Note: Yesterday's newsletter incorrectly identified the sponsor of the legislation. Oops!*

House – bill introduced re OCS leasing



Representative Brat (R-VA) introduced a bill (H.R. 2157) to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to limit the authority of the President to withdraw areas from oil and gas leasing, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Representative Brat issued a [press release](#) explaining the measure. (4/26/17) [<http://brat.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=411>].

House – bill introduced to ban Atlantic coast drilling



Representative Beyer (D-VA) introduced a bill (H.R. 2158) to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit oil-, gas-, and methane hydrate-related seismic activities in the North Atlantic, Mid-Atlantic, South Atlantic, and Straits of Florida planning areas of the outer Continental Shelf, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (4/26/17).

House – bill introduced re passenger vessel safety



Representative Matsui (D-CA) introduced a bill (H.R. 2173) to improve passenger vessel security and safety, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Representative Matsui issued a [press release](#) explaining the measure. (4/26/17) [<http://matsui.house.gov/?press-release-type=reprs-matsui-poe-lead-bipartisan-legislation-strengthen-cruise-passenger-safety-laws>].

Court – pleading failures



The US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit affirmed the district court dismissal for pleading failures and related issues of a shareholder derivative action on behalf of Star Bulk Carriers Corporation alleging that individual members of the corporation's board of directors and affiliated entities improperly exploited their control of the corporation in entering into three separate self-dealing transactions. **F5 Capital v. Pappas**, No. 16-530-cv (2nd Cir., April 27, 2017) [http://www.ca2.uscourts.gov/decisions/isysquery/1a11975d-35f7-4489-aefb-462f99a8c9e5/1/doc/16-530_opn.pdf#xml=http://www.ca2.uscourts.gov/decisions/isysquery/1a11975d-35f7-4489-aefb-462f99a8c9e5/1/hilite/]. *Note: This item was brought to my attention by my good friend Keith Heard of **Burke & Parsons**.*

California – Sustainable Freight Action Plan



The **California Sustainable Freight Action Plan** will host three workshops (Oakland on 9 May; Los Angeles on 30 May; and San Diego on 31 May) to discuss plan implementation. (4/27/17) [<http://www.casustainablefreight.org/>].

Australia – Norwegian Star propulsion failure



The Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) issued a preliminary report of its investigation of 10 February 2017 propulsion failure on board the cruise ship Norwegian Star in Bass Strait. On 9 February 2017, the cruise ship departed Melbourne, Australia, on a scheduled cruise to Dunedin, New Zealand. There were 2113 passengers and 1017 crew on board. On departure, the starboard propulsion unit (Azipod) was operational and the port Azipod was under repair. At about 0134 on 10 February, the vessel was about 18 nautical miles south-west of Cape Liptrap, Victoria, when the starboard Azipod failed. Propulsion power could not be restored and two tugs were deployed from Melbourne to tow the vessel back to Melbourne. The vessel arrived back without further incident at about midnight on 11 February 2017. Based on the preliminary information, the ATSB found that the Norwegian Star experienced three separate propulsion unit failures over a period of about nine weeks. In each case, the field exciter unit for the main propulsion motor failed. The first two failures (the starboard unit in December and the port unit in January) involved a breakdown of electrical insulation and the third failure (on 10 February 2017) related to a modification made to the starboard Azipod exciter unit during its

earlier repair. [MO-2017-003](#) (4/27/17)
[http://www.atsb.gov.au/media/5772657/mo-2017-003_prelim.pdf].

Mutiny on the Bounty – 28 April 1789



Her Majesty's Armed Vessel (HMAV) Bounty, Lieutenant William Bligh commanding, departed England in 1787 to collect breadfruit plants in Tahiti and transport them to British colonies in the West Indies to serve as a food source for the slaves working on the sugar cane plantations. During the long stay in Tahiti, the crew established relationships with the local inhabitants. Bligh was an increasingly strict disciplinarian, greatly disliked by the crew. On 28 April 1789, soon after the vessel departed for the West Indies, most of the crew, led by Master's Mate Fletcher Christian, mutinied and took control. Bligh and the crew who remained loyal to him were put in a launch. The vessel returned to Tahiti. Some of the crew chose to stay there, while Christian and the others, along with a number of local women, set sail to avoid the certain Royal Navy response. The Bounty eventually reached the improperly charted Pitcairn Island. All went ashore and the vessel was burned after all supplies and useful equipment were removed. Bligh navigated the launch across the South Pacific to the Dutch settlement on Timor, an amazing open-boat voyage of 3,500 nautical miles. Upon his return to England, the search for the mutineers began. Fourteen were captured in Tahiti. The Royal Navy did not locate Pitcairn until 1808, by which time only one mutineer remained alive. Descendants of the mutineers continue to live on the island. Bligh Reef in Prince William Sound, which holed the tanker Exxon Valdez in 1989, is named for William Bligh.

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