

Headlines:

NTSB – grounding on Columbia River;
NTSB – amphibious passenger vehicles;
Tokyo MOU – 2016 annual report;
Panama Canal – cruise ship transits expanded locks; and
Singapore – LNG bunkering technical reference.

May 2, 2017



Bryant's Maritime News

Bryant's Maritime Consulting - 4845 SW 91st Way - Gainesville, FL 32608-8135 - USA

Tel: 1-352-692-5493 – Email: dennis.l.bryant@gmail.com – Internet: <http://brymar-consulting.com>

Contact me to help you reach your target audience

Note: This newsletter is one section of the [Bryant's Maritime Consulting](http://brymar-consulting.com) website. Visit the site for more extensive maritime regulatory information. Individual concerns may be addressed by retaining [Dennis Bryant](mailto:dennis.l.bryant@gmail.com) directly. Much of the highlighted text in this newsletter constitutes links to Internet sites providing more detailed information. Links on this page may be in PDF format. Comments on these postings are encouraged and may be made by email to the editor or by going to the blog page on the website and clicking the envelope that appears at the end of each posting. Be aware that the daily newsletter is a single posting, even though it contains a number of individual items. I don't need anger management; I need people to stop pissing me off.

NTSB – grounding on Columbia River



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) issued the report of its investigation of the 20 March 2016 grounding of the bulk carrier Sparna. The vessel was transiting outbound on the Columbia River when it departed the navigation channel and struck a rocky shallow area. No one was injured and no pollution resulted, but the grounding caused damage and flooding to the vessel's forward tanks. Damage to the vessel was estimated at more than \$500,000 and to a nearby dock about \$60,000. The probable cause of the grounding was the failure of the pilot and the bridge team to monitor the helmsman's response to the pilot's rudder orders. **MAB 17-08** (4/20/17)
[<https://www.nts.gov/investigations/AccidentReports/Reports/MAB1708.pdf>].

NTSB – amphibious passenger vehicles



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) issued a safety alert regarding risk assessment, driver distraction, and seat belts in amphibious

passenger vehicle (APV) operations. APVs are large vessel/vehicle hybrids and are sometimes used to provide sightseeing tours on land and in harbors/waterways. APVs present unique safety challenges that must be carefully assessed by the operators. **SA-059** (November 2016) [https://www.nts.gov/safety/safety-alerts/Documents/SA_059.pdf].

Tokyo MOU – 2016 Annual Report



The Tokyo MOU posted its **2016 Annual Report** on port state control (PSC) in the Asia-Pacific Region. Since the introduction of the new inspection regime in 2014 in the Tokyo MOU, the number of deficiencies, number of detentions, detention percentage and number of individual under-performing ships have all decreased, whilst the number of inspections has increased slightly. (5/1/17) [<http://www.tokyo-mou.org/doc/ANN16.pdf>].

Panama Canal – cruise ship transits expanded locks



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued a **press release** stating that the Disney Wonder has become the first cruise ship to transit the expanded locks. (4/29/17) [<https://www.pancanal.com/eng/pr/press-releases/2017/04/29/pr622.html>].

Singapore – LNG bunkering technical reference



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a **news release** announcing the launch of its Technical Reference (TR) 56 for Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Bunkering. TR 56 is intended to provide a safe, efficient, sustainable, and transparent technical framework for conducting LNG bunkering operations in Singapore. (4/28/17) [<http://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/media-centre/news-releases/detail/8955a9e8-f7be-4fc5-a987-92936724d1f3>].

Join my mailing list



If you are not receiving my almost daily electronic newsletter and would like to have it sent directly to your email inbox, please send me an email, or see below:

[Join Our Mailing List!](#)



If you have questions regarding the above items or are interested in advertising in this newsletter, please contact the editor:

Dennis L. Bryant

Bryant's Maritime Consulting
4845 SW 91st Way
Gainesville, FL 32608-8135
USA

1-352-692-5493
dennis.l.bryant@gmail.com
<http://brymar-consulting.com>

© Dennis L. Bryant – May 2017

 **Redistribution permitted with attribution**