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White House – President signs Appropriations Act



The White House issued a **news release** stating that President Trump signed into law the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017 (H.R. 244), funding federal agencies through the remainder of the fiscal year. (5/5/17)

[<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/05/05/president-donald-j-trump-signs-hr-244-law>].

USCG – Ship Sanitation Control Certificates



The US Coast Guard issued a Marine Safety Information Bulletin (MSIB) providing guidance to US-flag vessel owners, operators, and masters regarding Ship Sanitation Control Certificates (SSCCs) required by International Health Regulations (IHR) 2005. The competent authority for IHR 2005 in the United States is the Center for Disease Control (CDC) Division of Global Migration and Quarantine (DGMQ). Since the CDC does not require SSCCs for commercial vessels arriving at US ports, it does not issue such certificates. US-flag vessels may elect to obtain such certificates at certain foreign ports. **MSIB 005-17** (5/5/17) [https://www.uscg.mil/msib/docs/005_17_5-5-2017.pdf].
Note: Now this is a fine kettle of fish!

USCG NVMC – eNOAD and NOAD unavailability



The USCG National Vessel Movement Center (NVMC) posted a notice stating that eNOAD and NOAD will be unavailable from 0200 until 0700 local on 9 May in order to perform scheduled maintenance. (5/5/17) [].

FMC – update re Tripartite Agreement



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** updating its earlier release concerning its rejection of the proposed Tripartite Agreement. Rejection of that agreement was solely on jurisdictional grounds. The Agreement was determined to ultimately constitute a merger. The FMC is without jurisdiction to review merger agreements. (5/5/17) [<https://www.fmc.gov/NR17-10/>].

NTSB – failure to lubricate wire rope



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) posted the report of its investigation of the 8 July 2015 equipment failure on the bulk carrier Asia Zircon II while discharging cargo in Galveston. One of the ship's cranes was hoisting a wind turbine tower section out of the hold when the lifting wire parted. The tower section fell back into the hold, damaging cargo. Two of the five longshoremen inside the hold suffered non-life-threatening injuries. Damages

were estimated to exceed \$1.5 million. The probable cause was inadequate lubrication due to ineffective maintenance, resulting in excessive wear of the wire rope. **MAB 17-10** (4/20/17)
[<https://www.ntsbt.gov/investigations/AccidentReports/Reports/MAB1710.pdf>].

DOJ – MSC contractor indicted for bribery and fraud



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a **news release** stating that a former contractor at the Military Sealift Command (MSC) has been indicted for his role in a bribery and fraud conspiracy from approximately 1999 to 2014, in which he allegedly received almost \$3 million in bribes. The former contractor allegedly used his position and influence at MSC to assist his co-conspirator in obtaining and expanding a commission agreement with a telecommunications company that sold maritime satellite services to MSC. (5/4/17)
[<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/former-military-sealift-command-contractor-charged-bribery-and-fraud>].

NSIDC – Arctic sea ice analysis



The National Snow and Ice Data Center (NSIDC) posted an **Analysis of Arctic Sea Ice**. Arctic sea ice in April 2017 tied with April 2016 as the lowest extent in the satellite record. In addition, the volume of multi-year ice has been decreasingly steadily and now makes up only a small percentage of the ice coverage. (5/3/17) [<http://nsidc.org/arcticseaicenews/>].

NASA – tsunami research



The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) issued a **multi-media post** reporting that recent research reveals that the horizontal movement of the seafloor during an earthquake is a significant factor in tsunami generation as is vertical movement of the seafloor. Highly precise GPS sensors located along coastlines now measure (in one-second intervals) earth movement in three dimensions. Combining those readings from multiple sensors allow for calculation of both the origin-location and probable size of tsunamis. (5/3/17)
[<https://www.nasa.gov/topics/earth/index.html>].
[<https://youtu.be/NPJHkCmXv78>]

House – bill introduced to ban OCS drilling



Representative Huffman (D-CA) introduced the **Keep It in the Ground Act of 2017** (H.R. 2242) to prohibit drilling in the outer Continental Shelf, to prohibit coal leases on Federal land, and for other purposes. (4/28/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115hr2242ih/pdf/BILLS-115hr2242ih.pdf>].

House – bill introduced re OCS leasing moratorium



Representative Sanford (R-SC) introduced the **Coastal Economies Protection Act** (H.R. 2252) to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to place a ten-year moratorium on oil and gas preleasing, leasing, and related activities on the Outer Continental Shelf in the North Atlantic, Mid-Atlantic, South Atlantic, and Straits of Florida planning areas and in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico. Representative Sanford issued a **press release** explaining the measure. (4/28/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115hr2252ih/pdf/BILLS-115hr2252ih.pdf>].

House – bill introduced re oil spill preparedness



Representative Wasserman Schultz (D-FL) introduced the **Marine Oil Spill Prevention Act** (H.R. 2261) to improve the ability of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Coast Guard, and coastal States to sustain healthy ocean and coastal ecosystems by maintaining and sustaining their capabilities relating to oil spill preparedness, prevention, response, and for other purposes. (5/1/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115hr2261ih/pdf/BILLS-115hr2261ih.pdf>].

House – bill introduced re USCG commemorative coin



Representative Courtney (D-CT) introduced a bill (H.R. 2317) to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the United States Coast Guard. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Representative Courtney issued a **press release** explaining the measure. (5/3/17) [<https://courtney.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/courtney-statement-5-million-new-funding-national-coast-guard-museum>].

House – bill introduced re LHWCA & recreational vessels



Representative Byrne (R-AL) introduced a bill (H.R. 2354) to amend the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act to provide a definition of recreational vessel for purposes of such Act. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (5/4/17).

Senate – bill introduced re USCG commemorative coin



Senator Murphy (D-CT) introduced a bill (S. 1021) to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the United States Coast Guard. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Senator Murphy issued a [press release](#) explaining the measure. (5/3/17) [<https://www.murphy.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/murphy-boozman-courtney-blumenthal-reintroduce-bipartisan-coast-guard-commemorative-coin-act-to-support-national-coast-guard-museum>].

Senate – bill introduced re marine hydrokinetic energy



Senator Wyden (D-OR) introduced a bill (S. 1036) to promote research, development, and demonstration of marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Senator Wyden issued a [press release](#) explaining the measure. (5/3/17) [<https://www.wyden.senate.gov/news/press-releases/senators-introduce-bill-to-boost-next-generation-hydro-power->].

Senate – bill introduced re GOM drilling



Senator Rubio (R-FL) introduced a bill (S. 1041) to include the State of Florida in the Gulf of Mexico outer Continental Shelf revenue sharing program, to extend the moratorium on oil and gas leasing in certain areas of the Gulf of Mexico, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Senator Rubio issued a [press release](#) explaining the measure. (5/4/17) [<https://www.rubio.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/press-releases?ID=23C4DB2C-7410-4875-93CC-30C61A8FE9BD>].

Canada – port state control



Transport Canada issued a **news release** stating that representatives of the Paris MOU and the Tokyo MOU gathered in Vancouver to sign a new Ministerial Declaration on Port State Control. The Declaration is intended to continue to eliminate substandard shipping practices that result in loss of life, damage to property and harm to marine environments. It will help create new global policies that advance this goal, putting pressure on administrations and owners of substandard ships to comply with international ship safety standards. (5/4/17) [https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2017/05/global_leaders_gatherinvancouverstgnnewinternationaldeclarationo.html].

Denmark – sulphur regulation & Polar Code



The Danish Maritime Authority (DMA) issued a **press release** stating that enforcement of the sulphur regulations and the Polar Code has been included in the new Ministerial Declaration signed by representatives of Paris and Tokyo MOUs. (5/5/17) [<http://www.dma.dk/Presse/Nyheder/Sider/Port-State-Control-will-target-sulphur-rules-and-the-Polar-Code.aspx>].

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