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Lower Niagara River – safety zone;  
USCG – Safety Alert re natural gas lines;  
Australia – official nautical charts; and  
Denmark – blockchain technology.

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## **Lower Niagara River – safety zone**



The US Coast Guard promulgated a final rule establishing a safety zone on the Lower Niagara River. The rule restricts vessels from a portion of the river considered not navigable as listed in the US Coast Pilot Book 6. The rule enters into effect on 22 June. [82 Fed. Reg. 23514](https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-05-23/pdf/2017-10469.pdf) (5/23/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-05-23/pdf/2017-10469.pdf>].

## **USCG – Safety Alert re natural gas lines**



The US Coast Guard issued a Safety Alert concerning the dangers of inadequate corrective actions to liquefied natural gas (LNG) cargo and fuel systems. Natural gas presents potential respiratory and explosive risks, requiring care when repairing gas lines. Inadequate repairs can have unforeseen dangers. [Alert 05-17](https://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg545/alerts/0517.pdf) (5/22/17) [<https://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg545/alerts/0517.pdf>].

## Australia – official nautical charts



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a notice drawing attention to the importance of using only official nautical charts to comply with flag state requirements, which implement relevant provisions of the SOLAS Convention. [Marine Notice 6/2017](#) (May 2017)  
[<https://apps.amsa.gov.au/MOREview/MarineNoticeExternal.html>].

## Denmark – blockchain technology



The Danish Maritime Authority (DMA) issued a [press release](#) stating that it is looking into possible use of blockchain technology to further advance digitization of its ship registration process. (5/22/17)  
[<http://www.dma.dk/Presse/Nyheder/Sider/Blockchain-technology-paves-the-way-for-digitalisation.aspx>].

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