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MARAD – Small Shipyard Grant Program



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) issued a notice stating that \$9,800,000 is currently available for grants for capital and related improvements to qualified small shipyard facilities. Applications must be received by 5 July. **82 Fed. Reg. 23977** (5/24/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-05-24/pdf/2017-10612.pdf>].

NTSB – fatal towboat sinking



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) posted the report of its investigation of the 12 March 2016 sinking of the towing vessel Specialist on the Hudson River, with three crew fatalities. Specialist was southbound, towing a tower crane barge with two other towboats. It struck a construction barge that

was spudded down alongside a concrete pier at the new Tappan Zee Bridge construction site. The probable cause of the casualty was inadequate manning, resulting in fatigued crewmembers navigating three tugboats with obstructed visibility due to the size of the crane on the barge they were towing and the location of the tugboats alongside the barge. **MAB 17-14** (5/23/17) [<https://www.nts.gov/investigations/AccidentReports/Reports/mab1714.pdf>].

USN – National Maritime Day observed



The US Navy issued a **news release** stating that the sacrifice of US merchant mariners and the contribution of the maritime industry were observed during the National Maritime Day celebration. (5/23/17) [http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=100618].

USCG – IOISC 2017 presentations



The US Coast Guard posted two bulletins regarding presentations at the recent International Oil Spill Conference (IOISC 2017). The first presentation concerned the **pre-spill planning consultation process**. The second presentation addressed **spill response in a hostile environment**. (5/23/17)

BSEE – new Director named



The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) issued a **press release** stating that Scott A. Angelle has been named as the agency's new Director. (5/23/17) [<https://www.bsee.gov/newsroom/latest-news/statements-and-releases/press-releases/former-louisiana-state-official-scott-a>].

Hong Kong – typhoon season



The Hong Kong Marine Department issued a notice reminding stakeholders of the approach of typhoon season. **Notice 72-2017** (5/23/17) [<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/notices/pdf/mdn17072.pdf>].

UK – recall of emergency escape breathing devices



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued a safety bulletin stating that certain Hwayan Emergency Escape Breathing Devices model EEBD TH15B are being voluntarily recalled by the manufacturer. These devices have an inherent blockage and do not fulfill the required rate for delivery of breathing air to the user. Ship operators with affected devices should immediately contact the manufacturer for a replacement. **Safety Bulletin 09-2017** (April 2017)

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/605942/SafetyBulletin.9.EEBD__003_.pdf].

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