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Charleston – potential threat investigated



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that authorities were made aware of a potential threat in a container aboard the vessel Maersk Memphis moored at the Wando terminal in Charleston. The terminal was evacuated while the incident was investigated. (6/14/17)

[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1a27e43>]. A [second news release](#) stated that there is no existing threat in the port of Charleston. The reported containers have been scanned and cleared. The original reporting source of the threat has been detained for further questioning. (6/15/17)

[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1a2876a>].

USCG – COI phase-in for towing vessels



The US Coast Guard issued a policy letter providing guidance on the applicability of the Certificate of Inspection (COI) phase-in period to existing vessels using the Towing Safety Management System (TSMS) option to obtain an initial COI. **CG-CVC Policy Letter 17-03** (6/14/17) [https://www.uscg.mil/hq/cgcvc/cvc/policy/policy_letters/CVC/CG-CVC_pol17-03.pdf].

USCG NMC – website changes



The USCG National Maritime Center (NMC) issued a **notice** announcing that, on 29 June, it will be transitioning from its old website to a new website hosted by the Department of Defense. Feedback on the transition is appreciated. (6/14/17) [https://www.uscg.mil/nmc/announcements/pdfs/nmc_website_changes.pdf].

FERC – Jordan Cove LNG terminal



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice stating that it intends to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) concerning the potential impacts of the planned Jordan Cove LNG terminal in Coos Bay, Oregon. Comments must be received by 10 July. **82 Fed. Reg. 27473** (6/15/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-06-15/pdf/2017-12393.pdf>].

Singapore – ballast water management



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a circular advising that Singapore has acceded to the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004 (BWMC), which enters into effect on 8 September. **Shipping Circular 10-2017** (6/12/17) [<http://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/port-of-singapore/circulars-and-notices/detail/19282477-c02f-4b5d-8569-3cd61010e878>].

General Slocum fire – 15 June 1904



On 15 June 1904, the excursion steamer *General Slocum* caught fire while operating on the East River in New York City. More than 1,000 passengers and crew lost their lives. It was one of the worst maritime disasters in US history. Congress responded by adopting a series of bills providing the Steamboat Inspection Service with authority to prescribe measures to prevent and extinguish fires and to determine the amount and type of lifesaving equipment to be carried on board.

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