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## **Southern Red Sea – report of waterborne IED**



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) issued an **alert** stating that an unconfirmed report has been received concerning a waterborne improvised explosive device (IED) in the southern Red Sea in Yemeni territorial waters. Caution should be exercised when transiting this region. (6/14/17) [<https://www.marad.dot.gov/msci/alert/2017/24118/>].

## **USCG – challenges to maritime safety**



The US Coast Guard posted the remarks of **Captain John Mauger**, Commanding Officer, USCG Marine Safety Center, delivered at the recent

International Maritime Safety Conference. He discussed lessons learned from prior casualties and the challenges presented by the increasing capacity of the maritime transportation system, reducing environmental impact, and increased system complexity. (6/15/17)

[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/06/15/6152017-remarks-by-marine-safety-center-commanding-officer-at-intl-maritime-safety-conference/>].

### USCG – organizational change



The US Coast Guard promulgated a final rule amending its internal organization. Effective immediately, Marine Safety Unit (MSU) Houma will report directly to Sector New Orleans and MSU Morgan City will report to MSU Houma. This change will have no effect on the regulated public. **82 Fed. Reg. 27614** (6/16/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-06-16/pdf/2017-12578.pdf>].

### OFAC – removal of Burmese Sanctions Regulations



The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) promulgated a final rule removing the Burmese Sanctions Regulations, effective immediately. **82 Fed. Reg. 27613** (6/16/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-06-16/pdf/2017-12557.pdf>].

### St. Lawrence Seaway – increased water flow



The Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway System issued **five Seaway Notices** concerning the impact of increased water flow through the Seaway. (6/14/17) [<http://www.greatlakes-seaway.com/en/news/notices/seaway/index.html>].

### India – Multimodal Transportation of Goods Act



The Indian Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) issued a **notice** stating that it seeks comments on the draft amendment to the Multimodal Transportation of Goods Act. Comments must be submitted within thirty days. (6/15/17)

[[http://dgshipping.gov.in/WriteReadData/News/201706150420473010710circul ar\\_MMTGACTAnagha2\\_crews.pdf](http://dgshipping.gov.in/WriteReadData/News/201706150420473010710circul ar_MMTGACTAnagha2_crews.pdf)].

## Panama Canal – locks lane outages



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory announcing that repair work will be performed at the Gatun Locks and the Pedro Miguel Locks sequentially from 20 June through 30 June. As a result, Transit Reservation System Condition 1.a will be in effect during this period. **Advisory 19-2017** (6/14/17) [<https://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2017/a-19-2017.pdf>].

## UK – mooring line failure



The UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) issued the report of its investigation of the 2 March 2015 failure of a mooring line on board LNG carrier Zarga in Milford Haven with one person injured. A deck officer suffered severe head injuries when struck by a parted HMPE mooring rope during a berthing operation. The area where the officer was standing was clearly within the snap back zone but had previously been designated as a safe zone. The (erroneous) perception on board was that HMPE ropes did not recoil on failure. **Report 13/2017** (6/15/17) [<https://www.gov.uk/maib-reports/failure-of-mooring-line-on-board-lng-carrier-zarga-with-1-person-injured>].

## UK – protected wrecks



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) posted a **collection of documents** about protected wrecks, areas, and monuments in the UK. (6/15/17) [<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/receiver-of-wreck-protected-wrecks>].

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