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Miami – anchorage areas



The US Coast Guard promulgated a final rule dividing the Miami anchorage ground into two separate anchorage areas. The rule enters into effect on 19 July. **82 Fed. Reg. 27773** (6/19/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-06-19/pdf/2017-12573.pdf>].

Oahu – Polynesian voyaging canoe returns



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that it and its partners provided water safety and security during the return of the Polynesian voyaging canoe Hokule'a to Oahu completing a three-year round-the-world voyage utilizing traditional wayfinding rather than modern navigation

technology. (6/16/17)

[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1a3113e>].

DOE – \$12 million awarded for wave energy projects



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a **news release** stating that it is awarding \$12 million to fund new projects to support the development of innovative technologies capable of generating reliable and cost-effective electricity from wave energy. (6/15/17)

[<https://www.energy.gov/eere/articles/energy-department-announces-12-million-projects-advance-wave-energy>].

Senate – economic sanctions re Russia



The Senate passed and sent to the House an amended version of the **Act to Provide Congressional Review and to Counter Iranian and Russian Governments' Aggression** (S. 722). Among other things, the bill allows the Secretary of the Treasury to impose economic sanctions on a person that meets one or more of the criteria in sections 1(a) of Executive Order 13662 regarding economic sanctions relating to the Russian Federation regarding the situation in Ukraine, potentially broadening those sanctions significantly. Among the persons identified in the bill is any person that is a state-owned entity operating in the shipping sector of the economy of the Russian Federation. (6/15/17)

[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115s722es/pdf/BILLS-115s722es.pdf>].

Note: This item was first brought to my attention by my good friend Louis Le Gendre of International Shipping & Logistics.

Senate – bill introduced to lift Cuban trade embargo



Senator Klobuchar (D-MN) introduced the **Freedom to Export to Cuba Act of 2017** (S. 1286) to lift the trade embargo on Cuba. Senator Klobuchar issued a **news release** explaining the measure. (5/25/17)

[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115s1286is/pdf/BILLS-115s1286is.pdf>].

GAO – hydrographic surveying



The Government Accountability Office (GAO) issued a report concerning hydrographic surveying. It concludes that the National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) needs better cost data and a strategy for expanding private sector involvement in data collection. [GAO-17-510](#) (6/16/17) [<http://www.gao.gov/assets/690/685298.pdf>].

IMO – legal framework for autonomous ships



The Danish Maritime Authority (DMA) issued a [news release](#) stating that the IMO Maritime Safety Committee will consider establishment of an international legal framework for the safe operation of autonomous ships. The proposal for such an effort was submitted by Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, South Korea, the UK, and the US. (6/16/17) [<http://www.dma.dk/Presse/Nyheder/Sider/Autonomous-ships-on-IMO-agenda.aspx>].

MREN – Canary in the coal mine



In the June 2017 edition of Maritime Reporter and Engineering News, you can find my article entitled [Canary in the coal mine](#). The article discusses how the historically record low level of Arctic sea ice serves as a sentinel, a warning that sea levels will rise as the Greenland ice cap melts and the water flows into the sea. The record high air temperatures in the Arctic that are causing the loss of sea ice are also leading to a loss of the thickness of the ice cap. Change is coming. Watch your tide gauge. (6/19/17) [<http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/MREN/MREN170600.pdf>].

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