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White House – RADM Buzby to be nominated to MARAD



The White House issued a **notice** stating that President Trump intends to nominate Mark H. Buzby, RADM, USN (ret) to serve as the Maritime Administrator. (6/21/17) [<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/06/21/president-donald-j-trump-announces-intent-nominate-personnel-key>]. *Note: This item was brought to my attention by my good friend Denise Krepp of **EMR Group**.*

FMC – NY-NJ/OCEMA Agreement to enter into effect



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a [news release](#) stating that, with a tie vote, the Commissioners will not prevent the Port of New York & New Jersey/Ocean Carrier Equipment Management Agreement (OCEMA) Discussion Agreement from entering into effect on 25 June. (6/22/17) [<https://www.fmc.gov/NR17-12/>].

NTSB – assessment of engine control malfunction



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) posted the report of its investigation of the 1 August 2015 allision of the tank barge *Double Skin 501* being pushed by the uninspected towing vessel *Peter F Gellatly* with International Matex Tank Terminals (IMTT) Bayonne Pier A in Bayonne, New Jersey, as the captain attempted to dock the tow at a nearby pier. Damage to the barge, pier, and an adjacent ship, the *Isola Bianca*, totaled an estimated \$2.7 million. The allision also damaged pipelines on the pier, resulting in the discharge of 630 gallons of no. 6 fuel oil into the waterway. There were no injuries. The probable cause of the casualty was the captain and the engineer's poor communication, their inadequate assessment of the hazardous condition posed by the starboard engine control malfunction, and the captain's decision to continue operations without ensuring that the malfunction had been adequately corrected. Contributing to the accident was the crew's unfamiliarity with the provisions of the company's safety management system that addressed actions in response to hazardous conditions. [MAB 17-18](#) (6/22/17) [<https://www.nts.gov/investigations/AccidentReports/Reports/MAB1718.pdf>].

NTSB – engine room fire on towboat



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) posted the report of its investigation of the 13 August 2016 fire in the engine room on board the uninspected towing vessel *Jaxon Aaron* while it was pushing a flotilla of 16 barges upbound on the Lower Mississippi River near mile marker (mm) 770, approximately 24 miles north of Memphis, Tennessee. The fire spread from the engine room into the accommodation area and wheelhouse, causing an estimated \$10.2 million in damage to the interior spaces. All nine crewmembers evacuated the vessel safely to the barge flotilla. No pollution was reported. The probable cause of the fire was the failure of the power assembly components on the port main diesel engine's no. 15 cylinder. Contributing to the extent of the fire damage was the substantial use of combustible materials in the interior spaces

and the chief engineer's unfamiliarity with the firefighting equipment. **MAB 17-19** (6/22/17)
[<https://www.nts.gov/investigations/AccidentReports/Reports/MAB1719.pdf>].

NTSB – inadequate cathodic protection



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) posted the report of its investigation of the 7 March 2016 partial flooding of the dive support vessel *Hammerhead* while moored alongside the pier at the Newport Marine Terminal in Galveston, Texas. The vessel was in a layup period with no one on board. There were no reports of pollution. Damage to the vessel was estimated at \$900,000. The probable cause of the engine room flooding was the localized corrosion of an aging hull structure resulting from the operating company's lack of oversight and maintenance in preserving the hull's metal plating with an adequate marine coating and cathodic protection system. **MAB 17-20** (6/22/17)
[<https://www.nts.gov/investigations/AccidentReports/Reports/MAB1720.pdf>].

Alaska – forward operating location Kotzebue



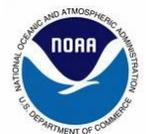
The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that it and the Alaska Air National Guard delivered supplies and equipment to the Coast Guard's seasonal forward operating location in Kotzebue in preparation for the anticipated increase in maritime activities this summer in Western Alaska and the Bering Sea. (6/20/17)
[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1a2bb9c>].

Gulf of Mexico – TS Cindy activity statistics



The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) issued a **press release** providing updated offshore Gulf of Mexico oil and gas operations statistics regarding Tropical Storm Cindy. (6/22/17)
[<https://www.bsee.gov/newsroom/latest-news/statements-and-releases/press-releases/bsee-tropical-storm-cindy-activity-0>].

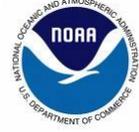
NOAA – Portland, OR PEIS and Restoration Plan



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a notice stating that the final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement and Restoration Plan to compensate for injuries to natural resources

in Portland Harbor, Oregon has been prepared. [82 Fed. Reg. 28643](#) (6/23/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-06-23/pdf/2017-12953.pdf>].

OEAB – meeting on 11-12 July



The Ocean Exploration Advisory Board (OEAB), sponsored by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), will meet in Hanover, Maryland on 11-12 July. [82 Fed. Reg. 28644](#) (6/23/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-06-23/pdf/2017-13200.pdf>].

Senate – bill introduced re aquatic nuisance species report



Senator Stabenow (D-MI) introduced a bill (S. 1398) to direct the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, to release an interim report related to aquatic nuisance species control, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Senator Stabenow issued a [press release](#) explaining the measure. (6/21/17) [<https://www.stabenow.senate.gov/news/-stabenow-peters-introduce-legislation-demanding-administration-release-report-on-asian-carp->].

Senate – bill introduced re natural gas exports



Senator Cruz (R-TX) introduced a bill (S. 1404) to amend the Natural Gas Act to provide for expanded natural gas exports. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (6/21/17).

House – bill introduced re aquatic nuisance species report



Representative Kaptur (D-OH) introduced a bill (H.R. 2983) to direct the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, to release an interim report related to aquatic nuisance species control, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Representative Kaptur issued a [press release](#) explaining the measure. (6/21/17) [<https://kaptur.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/kaptur-stabenow-introduce-bipartisan-bicameral-legislation-demanding>].

House – bill introduced re number of battle force ships



Representative Wittman (R-VA) introduced a bill (H.R. 2994) to state the policy of the United States on the minimum number of available battle force ships. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (6/21/17).

UK – load line consultation



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued a **notice** stating that it has opened a consultation on recasting the Merchant Marine (Load Line) regulations. Comments must be received by 24 August. (6/22/17)

[<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-recasting-the-merchant-shipping-load-line>].

USCG Auxiliary established – 23 June 1939



On 23 June 1939, a law was enacted to establish a Coast Guard Reserve [the name was later changed to the **Coast Guard Auxiliary**] to be composed of owners of motorboats and yachts to assist the Coast Guard in the saving of life and property and in the patrolling of marine parades and regattas. **53 Stat. 854**. In the succeeding years, USCG Auxiliary members have devoted countless hours in patrolling the nation's waterways, assisting mariners in distress, and educating the American boating public.

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