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## **Potomac River – security zone**



The US Coast Guard promulgated an interim rule establishing a security zone on waters of the Potomac River at the Trump National Golf Club at Potomac Falls, Virginia. Comments on the rulemaking must be received by 9 August. **82 Fed. Reg. 31719** (7/10/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-07-10/pdf/2017-14395.pdf>].

## **MARAD – maritime workforce**



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) invites public comment to examine and assess the size of the pool of US citizen mariners necessary to support the US-flag fleet in times of national emergency. Comments must be

submitted by 31 July. **82 Fed. Reg. 31800** (7/10/17)  
[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-07-10/pdf/2017-14319.pdf>].

### Senate – bill introduced re battle force ships



Senator Wicker (R-MS) introduced the **Securing the Homeland by Increasing our Power on the High Seas Act** (S. 1414) to state the policy of the United States on the minimum number of available battle force ships. Senator Wicker issued a **press release** explaining the measure. (6/22/17)  
[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115s1414is/pdf/BILLS-115s1414is.pdf>].

### New Zealand – cruise ship biosecurity program



The New Zealand Ministry of Primary Industries issued a **media release** stating that its trial accreditation program for foreign cruise ships calling in New Zealand will be expanded. The scheme involves collecting information about vessel stores and pest management practices to determine biosecurity risk. (6/20/17) [<http://www.mpi.govt.nz/news-and-resources/media-releases/cruise-ship-accreditation-to-stay/>].

### Panama Canal – June summary



The Panama Canal Authority posted the summary of Canal operations for June. It also contains the schedule of locks maintenance outages for the remainder of the fiscal year. **Advisory 22-2017** (7/5/17)  
[<https://www.pan canal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2017/a-22-2017.pdf>].

### UK – ship-to-ship transfers



The UK Department for Transport (DfT) issued the **post-implementation review** of the ship-to-ship transfer regulations. The review indicates that the objectives and intended effects of the regulations have been successfully achieved. (7/7/17)  
[<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ship-to-ship-transfer-regulations-post-implementation-review>].

## Vatican City – Sea Sunday



Vatican Radio issued a news release noting that July 9 is (was) “Sea Sunday”, a day highlighting the challenges seafarers face every day. It also serves as a time to pray for those at sea, their families and those who support them. (7/8/17). *Note: This item was brought to my attention by my good friend Jon Furukawa of the NTSB.*

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