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## **National Academies – polar icebreaker report**



The National Academies Press (NAP) posted the prepublication copy of the Letter Report of Division of Earth and Life Sciences and the Transportation Research Board entitled 'Acquisition and Operation of Polar Icebreakers: Fulfilling the Nation's Needs'. The report recommends that Congress fund construction of four polar icebreakers for operation by the US Coast Guard. The icebreakers should be built to a common design to minimize cost. There is no URL for the Letter Report. Rather, go to [www.nap.edu](http://www.nap.edu) and search for 'icebreaker'. (7/11/17). *Note: I made a similar proposal in my November 2016 article '[America needs icebreakers](#)'.*

## USCG – addressing cyber risks



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that it seeks comments on draft guidelines for addressing cyber risks at Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA regulated facilities). Comments must be submitted by 11 September. **82 Fed. Reg. 32189** (7/12/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-07-12/pdf/2017-14616.pdf>].

## USCG – CFVS requirements and Atlantic HMS fishing



The US Coast Guard issued a Marine Safety Information Bulletin (MSIB) providing guidance on the applicability of commercial fishing vessel safety requirements and regulations for those vessels fishing for Atlantic highly migratory species (HMS), such as tuna, particularly permitted handgear vessels. **MSIB 08-17** (7/10/17) [[https://www.uscg.mil/msib/docs/008-17\\_7-10-2017.pdf](https://www.uscg.mil/msib/docs/008-17_7-10-2017.pdf)].

## CBP – quarterly interest rates



The US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued a notice advising that the quarterly interest rate for the quarter beginning 1 July for overpayments is 3% for corporations and 4% for non-corporation and for underpayments is 4% for both. **82 Fed. Reg. 32191** (7/12/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-07-12/pdf/2017-14551.pdf>].

## FMC – Supply Chain System Information Initiative



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** stating that it has launched the second phase (export) of its Supply Chain Innovation Teams initiative. Phase Two will focus on identifying 'actionable' information needed by supply chain actors for improved supply chain system visibility, reliability, and resilience. (7/11/17) [<https://www.fmc.gov/NR17-14/>].

## Senate – bill introduced to reauthorize ICOOS Act



Senator Wicker (R-MS) introduced the **Coordinated Ocean Monitoring and Research Act** (S. 1425) to reauthorize the Integrated Coastal and

Ocean Observation System Act of 2009, and for other purposes. (6/22/17)  
[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115s1425is/pdf/BILLS-115s1425is.pdf>].

### Senate – bill introduced to establish Arctic policy



Senator Sullivan (R-AK) introduced the **Securing Our Arctic Interests Act of 2017** (S. 1442) to establish United States policy for the Arctic region for the next 10 years, and for other purposes. (6/26/17)  
[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115s1442is/pdf/BILLS-115s1442is.pdf>].

### House – bill introduced re port cybersecurity



Representative Torres (D-CA) introduced the **Strengthening Cybersecurity Information Sharing and Coordination in Our Ports Act of 2017** (H.R. 3101) to enhance cybersecurity information sharing and coordination at ports in the United States, and for other purposes. (6/28/17)  
[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115hr3101ih/pdf/BILLS-115hr3101ih.pdf>].

### IMO – MEPC 71 summary



The IMO issued a **summary** of the recent session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 71). (7/11/17)  
[<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/17-MEPC-71.aspx>].

### IMO – progress on climate strategy



The Danish Maritime Authority (DMA) issued a **news release** stating that the recent session of the IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) decided that a final climate strategy should be adopted in 2023, with the initial climate strategy ready in 2018. (7/11/17)  
[<http://www.dma.dk/Presse/Nyheder/Sider/One-step-closer-to-a-climate-agreement-for-shipping.aspx>].

## UK – wreck and salvage law



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued a **notice** advising of the UK wreck and salvage laws and the obligations of affected persons. (7/11/17) [<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wreck-and-salvage-law>].

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