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USCG – draft NVIC re cyber risks



The US Coast Guard placed in its docket a draft copy of its planned Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC) entitled 'Guidelines for Addressing Cyber Risks at MTSA Regulated Facilities'. The Coast Guard requests that comments on this document be submitted to the docket by 11 September. **NVIC 05-17-draft** (7/12/17) [<https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=USCG-2016-1084-0002>].

MEDMAC – meeting on 17 August



The Merchant Mariner Medical Advisory Committee (MEDMAC), sponsored by the US Coast Guard, will meet on 17 August via teleconference to

review the draft Merchant Mariner Medical Manual. [82 Fed. Reg. 32372](https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-07-13/pdf/2017-14682.pdf) (7/13/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-07-13/pdf/2017-14682.pdf>].

Northwest Passage – USCG buoy tender transit



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that the USCGC Maple, a 225-foot seagoing buoy tender has departed its homeport of Sitka en route Baltimore via the Northwest Passage. During the transit, it will conduct scientific research in support of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography. During a portion of the transit, the cutter will be accompanied by the Canadian Coast Guard Ship Sir Wilfrid Laurier. In Baltimore, the cutter will undergo scheduled maintenance at the USCG Yard. (7/12/17) [<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1a98a54>].

NOAA – impacts of ice-diminishing Arctic



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a [news release](#) stating that, on 18-20 July, it will host the seventh symposium on the impacts of an ice-diminishing Arctic on naval and maritime operations in Washington, DC. The event is free and open to the public. (7/12/17) [<http://www.noaa.gov/media-advisory/top-leaders-to-discuss-critical-impacts-of-ice-diminishing-arctic-on-naval-and>].

FMC – meeting on 19 July



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a [news release](#) stating that the Commissioners will meet on 19 July in Washington, DC. During the open session, they will receive an update on the Controlled Carrier List. During the closed session they will receive briefings on the West Coast MTO Discussion Agreement and the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement. (7/12/17) [https://www.fmc.gov/meeting_7-19-2017/].

Boston – submarine electric cable



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a [news release](#) stating that it has settled a lawsuit over a submarine electric cable in Boston Harbor. In 1990,

the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) issued a permit to an energy company to lay a submarine electric cable in the harbor, conditioned on it being located at least 25 feet below the bottom of two shipping channels that it would cross. During preparations for Deep Draft Project, it was determined that the cable was not laid at the proper depth, potentially interfering with the required dredging. Under the settlement, the energy company will lay a new cable at the proper depth. (7/12/17) [<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/united-states-settles-lawsuit-over-electric-cable-boston-harbor>].

CBP – cargo export information



The US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) promulgated a final rule making technical amendments to its regulations regarding requirements to provide data for certain exported cargo in order to delete references to outdated regulations or requirements. The rule enters into effect immediately. **82 Fed. Reg. 32232** (7/13/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-07-13/pdf/2017-14549.pdf>].

House – bill introduced re freedom of navigation



Representative Yoho (R-FL) introduced a bill (H.R. 3187) to advance United States interests in the freedom of navigation by enhancing congressional oversight of freedom of navigation operations conducted by the Armed Forces of the United States. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (7/11/17).

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