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### **USCG – electronic charts and publications**



The US Coast Guard issued change 1 to Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular 01-16 'Use of Electronic Charts and Publications in Lieu of Paper Charts, Maps, and Publications'. The equivalency determination enclosure to the NVIC has been reorganized and expanded. A new enclosure has been added providing guidelines for inspecting and using electronic charts and publications. **NVIC 01-16 Change 1** (7/10/17)  
[[https://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/nvic/pdf/2016/NVIC\\_01-16\\_electronic\\_charts\\_and\\_publications.pdf](https://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/nvic/pdf/2016/NVIC_01-16_electronic_charts_and_publications.pdf)].

## USCG – members sought for LMRWSAC



The US Coast Guard seeks applications for membership on the Lower Mississippi River Waterway Safety Advisory Committee (LMRWSAC). Applications should be submitted by 18 September. [82 Fed. Reg. 33142](#) (7/19/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-07-19/pdf/2017-15162.pdf>].

## USCG – reporting GPS disruptions



The US Coast Guard issued a [bulletin](#) reminding mariners how to detect and report GPS disruptions. (7/18/17) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/07/18/7181207-do-you-know-how-to-report-a-gps-disruption/>].

## House – resolution introduced re Port Chicago incident



Representative DeSaulnier (D-CA) introduced a resolution (H.Res. 452) expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the necessity to publically exonerate the African-American sailors of the United States Navy who were tried and convicted of mutiny in connection with their service at the Port Chicago Naval Magazine in Concord, California, during World War II in order to further aid in healing the racial divide that continues to exist in the United States. Official text of the resolution is not yet available, but Representative DeSaulnier issued a press release explaining the measure. (7/17/17). [<https://desaulnier.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/anniversary-port-chicago-tragedy-representatives-desaulnier-and-lee>]. Note: Linked is my short summary of the [Port Chicago incident](#).

## PCA – Russia order to pay €5 million



The Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) issued a [press release](#) stating that it has unanimously decided that Russia shall pay to the Netherlands in excess of €5 million for damages and costs related to the 2013 seizure of the Dutch vessel Arctic Sunrise and the arrest of its 30 crewmembers in violation of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). (7/18/17) [<https://pcacases.com/web/sendAttach/2215>].

## ReCAAP – half-year report



The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre posted its **2017 Half-Year Report**. The report states that there were 36 incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asian waters during the six-month period, a 22% decline over the same period in 2016. (7/18/17) [[http://www.recaap.org/DesktopModules/Bring2mind/DMX/Download.aspx?Command=Core\\_Download&EntryId=530&PortalId=0&TabId=78](http://www.recaap.org/DesktopModules/Bring2mind/DMX/Download.aspx?Command=Core_Download&EntryId=530&PortalId=0&TabId=78)].

## Antarctica – massive iceberg breaks off



The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) issued a **news release** stating that sometime between 10 and 12 July an iceberg the size of Delaware spit off from Antarctica's Larsen C ice shelf. This iceberg is the largest known in the historic record. Larsen C, a floating platform of glacial ice on the east side of the Antarctic Peninsula, is the world's fourth largest ice shelf. (7/12/17) [<https://www.nasa.gov/feature/goddard/2017/massive-iceberg-breaks-off-from-antarctica>].

## Peru – maritime law enforcement symposium



The US Navy issued a **news release** stating that US Coast Guard personnel hosted a maritime law enforcement symposium as part of UNITAS 2017 in Callao, Peru. They conducted a vessel boarding progression, outlining the different boarding phases and highlighting common habits used by smugglers. (7/18/17) [[http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story\\_id=101520](http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=101520)].

## St. Lawrence – excessive speed incident



Transport Canada issued the **Case Report** of the excessive speed incident on the Lake Saint-Pierre section of the St. Lawrence River on 26 April 2017. Residents in the Yamachiche area sustained damage due to wave action at about the same time that the container ship EM KEA was passing. Review of records, including AIS, reveals that the vessel had on board a licensed Canadian pilot and was traveling at a speed in excess of that provided for in the applicable Notice to Mariners. (7/17/17) [<http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/marinesafety/case-report-excessive-speed-yamachiche-executive-summary.html>].

## Singapore – MLC 2006 financial security requirements



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a revised circular concerning the requirements to provide compulsory financial security under the Maritime Labour Convention 2006 relating to repatriation of abandoned seafarers and work injury compensation. **Shipping Circular 3-2017 rev2** (7/14/17) [<http://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/port-of-singapore/circulars-and-notices/detail/61283043-c98a-41e3-8c8b-6e1a904cfa3e>]. *Note: This item is being repeated from Monday's newsletter because, as a long-suffering reader pointed out, the link was incorrect. Mea culpa.*

## UK – support for maritime training (SMarT) scheme



The UK Department for Transport (DfT) posted an **independent report** assessing the support for maritime training (SMarT) scheme. (7/18/17) [<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/support-for-maritime-training-review>].

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