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USCG – Marine Safety Manual, Vol. III



The US Coast Guard posted the final version of the Marine Safety Manual (MSM), Volume III: Marine Industrial Personnel, **COMDTINST M16000.8B**, incorporating Change 2. The document is 473 pages in length. (7/24/17) [<https://media.defense.gov/2017/Mar/29/2001723818/-1/-1/o/THE%20MARINE%20SAFETY%20MANUAL,%20VOLUME%20III,%20MARINE%20INDUSTRY%20PERSONNEL,%20COMDTINST%20M16000.8B>].

USCG – regulatory reform



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that it is tasking the Navigation Safety Advisory Council (NAVSAC) with identifying existing regulations, guidance, and collections of information for possible repeal, replacement, or modification. The Council will meet on 16 August via teleconference to discuss this tasking. **82 Fed. Reg. 34620** (7/26/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-07-26/pdf/2017-15707.pdf>].

PHMSA – transport of dangerous goods



The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) requests comments on issues to be considered during the 51st and 52nd sessions of the United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (UNSCOE TDG). Comments must be received by 17 November. **82 Fed. Reg. 34745** (7/26/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-07-26/pdf/2017-15719.pdf>].

Bering Sea – fishing vessel wreck located



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a **news release** stating that two of its survey vessels located the wreck of the crab fishing vessel Destination in the Bering Sea off St. George Island. The US Coast Guard will use a remotely operated vehicle to investigate the wreckage. The information will be used by the USCG Marine Board of Investigation in its analysis of the incident. (7/20/17) [<http://www.noaa.gov/media-release/noaa-locates-wreckage-of-crab-fishing-vessel-off-st-george-island-alaska>].

OFAC – \$2 million penalty against ExxonMobil



The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) issued a **notice** stating that it has assessed a \$2 million civil monetary penalty against ExxonMobil Corporation for violation of the Ukraine Sanctions Regulations. (7/20/17) [<https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/OFAC-Enforcement/Pages/20170720.aspx>].

St. Lawrence Seaway – tug assistance



The Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway System issued a notice stating that a tug is available for assistance with the approach at Iroquois Lock while outflows from Lake Ontario are greater than 10,200 cubic meters per second. **Notice 18-2017** (7/24/17) [<http://www.greatlakes-seaway.com/en/pdf/navigation/notice20170724.pdf>].

House – bill introduced re DOT maritime programs



Representative Bacon (R-NE) introduced the **Maritime Administration Authorization and Enhancement act for Fiscal Year 2018** (H.R. 3201) to amend and enhance certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation, and for other purposes. (7/12/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115hr3201ih/pdf/BILLS-115hr3201ih.pdf>].

House – bill introduced re US Arctic strategy



Representative Bera (D-CA) introduced the **Protect United States Security in the Arctic Act of 2017** (H.R. 3247) to direct the President to develop and submit to Congress a strategy to protect United States interests in the Arctic region, and for other purposes. (7/14/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115hr3247ih/pdf/BILLS-115hr3247ih.pdf>].

IMO – MEPC 71 summary



The IMO issued a **news release** summarizing the results of the recent session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 71). (7/25/17) [<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/17-MEPC-71.aspx>].

Paris MOU – inspection summary



The Paris MOU posted a **graphic** summarizing recent port state control (PSC) inspection results. (7/25/17) [<https://www.parismou.org/infographic-paris-mou-annual-2016>].

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