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USCG – ballast water FAQ



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** stating that it has prepared an updated version of its Ballast Water Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ). (7/26/17) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/07/26/7262017-updated-ballast-water-management-faqs-now-available/>].

USCG – safety alerts 1996 to date



The US Coast Guard posted a **compilation** of its safety alerts issued from 1996 to date. (7/26/17)
[https://homeport.uscg.mil/mycg/portal/ep/contentView.do?contentType=2&channelId=-18377&contentId=561221&programId=13099&pageTypeId=13489&BV_SessionID=@@@0811193154.1501100360@@@&BV_EngineID=cccdadhddmfgmfmcefecfindfkldffl.o].

USCG – correction re inspection and certification



The US Coast Guard issued a correction to its table of fresh water service vessels examination intervals. **82 Fed. Reg. 34882** (7/27/17)
[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-07-27/pdf/2017-15816.pdf>].

USCG – regulatory reform



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that it has tasked the Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Council (GLPAC) with helping identify existing regulations, guidance, and collections of information for possible repeal, replacement, or modification. The Council will meet on 23 August via teleconference to discuss this tasking. **82 Fed. Reg. 34909** (7/27/17)
[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-07-27/pdf/2017-15708.pdf>].

USACE & EPA – ‘waters of the United States’



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) propose to amend the definition of ‘waters of the United States’ to recodify the pre-existing rules. Comments on the proposal must be received by 28 August. **82 Fed. Reg. 34899** (7/27/17)
[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-07-27/pdf/2017-13997.pdf>].

NTSB – seeking marine engineer



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) posted two notices seeking qualified applicants for the position of Marine Engineer. The first **job announcement** solicits federal employees and veterans. The second **job announcement** solicits US citizens and nationals generally. Applications must be received by 16 August. (7/26/17)

[<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/475426900>]

[<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/475427500>].

Senate – hearing on marine debris



The Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation conducted a **hearing** to explore marine debris. Testimony was received from Mr. David Balton, Department of State; Ms. Nancy Wallace, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and Dr. Melissa Duhaime, University of Michigan. (7/25/17)

[<https://www.commerce.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings?ID=62EF9156-2910-4318-BC6C-3D4801C82C6B>].

House – hearing on Coast Guard capabilities



The Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure conducted a **hearing** on Coast Guard Sea, Land, and Air Capabilities. Testimony was heard from Admiral Paul F. Zukunft, USCG; RADM Michael J. Haycock, USCG; Ms. Marie A. Mak, GAO; RADM Richard D. West, USN (ret), National Academy of Sciences; and Mr. Peter O'Rourke, CRS. (7/25/17)

[<https://transportation.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=401782>].

House – bill introduced re natural gas import/export



Representative Higgins (R-LA) introduced a bill (H.R. 3367) to terminate the prohibitions on the exportation and importation of natural gas, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Representative Higgins issued a **press release** explaining the measure. (7/25/17)

[<https://clayhiggins.house.gov/media/press-releases/higgins-cassidy-introduce-bill-expedite-lng-export-approvals>].

Canada – icebreaking technology



The National Research Council of Canada issued a **news release** stating that it is teaming with the US Coast Guard and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to advance icebreaking technology. The results of this partnership will boost the knowledge and expertise of both nations in icebreaking ship technologies. (7/26/17) [https://www.canada.ca/en/national-research-council/news/2017/07/the_national_researchcouncilteamswithunitedstatescoasguardandde.html].

Panama Canal – Transit Reservation System changes



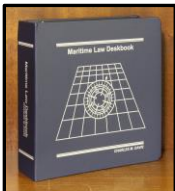
The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory announcing various locks lanes and culvert outages in late July and early August. As a result, Transit Reservation System Condition 2 will be in effect from 1 August until 10 August. **Advisory 23-2017** (7/24/17) [<https://www.panacanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2017/a-23-2017.pdf>].

Persian Gulf – warning shots fired



The US Central Command issued a **news release** stating that the coastal patrol ship USS Thunderbolt (PC 12) fired warning shots at an Iranian warship that approached to within 150 yards and did not respond to repeated attempts to establish radio communications or danger signals during coalition exercises in the Persian Gulf. (7/25/17) [<http://www.centcom.mil/MEDIA/NEWS-ARTICLES/News-Article-View/Article/1257970/centcom-us-ship-fires-warning-shots-as-iranian-vessel-makes-unsafe-approach/>].

Charles Davis – 1944-2017



The maritime bar has lost a giant. **Charles Davis**, best known for his Maritime Law Deskbook, died recently in tragic circumstances. He was a graduate of the US Merchant Marine Academy and the University of Washington Law School. The entire maritime bar benefited greatly from his insight and broad

perspective. (7/23/17) [http://www.goskagit.com/news/community-remembers-chuck-davis-as-leader-friend-to-all/article_3349d440-b391-5b6f-8c59-cd43f83c5004.html].

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