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Kodiak – master’s dramatic rescue



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) concerning the capsizing of the fishing vessel Grayling near Kodiak. The dramatic video shows the master of the fishing vessel jumping into the cold water to bring one of his crew to safety. (7/24/17)

[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1ac630b>].

USCG – Title 33, CFR technical changes



The US Coast Guard promulgated a final rule making various non-substantive technical amendments to its regulations in Title 33, Navigation and

Navigable Waters. **82 Fed. Reg. 35073** (7/28/17)
[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-07-28/pdf/2017-14617.pdf>].

DOE – LNG import/export



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a list of recent orders granting authority to import or export LNG. **82 Fed. Reg. 35190** (7/28/17)
[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-07-28/pdf/2017-15932.pdf>].

NTSB – Safer Seas Digest



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) posted its **Safer Seas Digest 2016**, containing lessons learned from marine accident investigations. (7/27/17)
[<https://www.nts.gov/investigations/AccidentReports/Reports/SPC1701.pdf>].

USN – Arctic operations



The Department of Defense (DOD) posted the **remarks** of RADM Stuart Munsch, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Operations, Plans, and Strategy, delivered at the 7th Symposium on the Impacts of an Ice-diminishing Arctic on Naval and Maritime Operations. (7/26/17)
[<http://navylive.dodlive.mil/2017/07/21/u-s-navys-partnerships-learning-strength-and-teamwork-vital-to-arctics-stable-future/>].

DOJ – maritime employers charged with employment discrimination



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a **news release** stating that a lawsuit has been filed against Louisiana-based companies Technical Marine Maintenance Texas LLC, which provides contract shipyard labor, and Gulf Coast Workforce LLC, a related company alleging that they violated the Immigration and Nationality Act by discriminating against applicants and employees during the employment eligibility verification process based on the workers' citizenship status. (7/26/17) [<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-files-lawsuit-against-technical-marine-maintenance-texas-and-gulf-coast>].

EC – seafarer protections



The European Commission (EC) issued a **press release** stating that it is proposing to make mandatory for all Member States the provisions of MLC 2006 relating to protecting seafarers against abandonment and their rights to financial compensation in the event of death or serious injury. (7/27/17) [http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-2141_en.htm].

EC – end to port tax exemptions



The European Commission (EC) issued a **press release** stating that it is requiring Belgium and France to end corporate tax exemptions for their ports. (7/27/17) [http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-2181_en.htm].

Panama Canal – air conditioning systems



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory reminding stakeholders that transiting ships equipped with wheelhouses with sealed windows that cannot be opened for ventilation must be equipped with a properly working air conditioning system or units that provide an adequate environment for pilots. **Advisory 24-2017** (7/26/17) [<https://www.pan canal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2017/a-24-2017.pdf>].

First Rockoon launch – 29 July 1952



On 29 July 1952, the first **Rockoon** was launched from the icebreaker USCGC Eastwind off the coast of Greenland. The Rockoon was a balloon-launched rocket developed by James A. Van Allen starting in the late 1940s to conduct research in high-altitude radiation near the magnetic poles. This work led directly to discovery of the zone of energetic charged particles in the Earth's magnetic field, now called the Van Allen belt, which protects the surface of the Earth from much harmful radiation.

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