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## **USCG – MOA with NCB**



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** stating that it and the National Cargo Bureau (NCB) signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for certain inspections and tests performed on US-flag vessels by NCB on behalf of the Coast Guard. (8/1/17) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/08/01/812017-coast-guard-and-national-cargo-bureau-sign-memorandum-of-agreement/>].

## **Chicago Sanitary & Ship Canal – safety zone**



The US Coast Guard will enforce the segment of its safety zone between mile markers 296.1 and 296.7 until 1 September to protect the waterway

and vessels from potential hazards associated with barge entrainment mitigation trials conducted at the electric dispersal barrier. **82 Fed. Reg. 35900** (8/2/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-08-02/pdf/2017-16248.pdf>].

### FMC – controlled carriers



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) published an updated list of controlled carriers, consisting of COSCO Shipping Lines Co., Ltd. (China) and CNAN Nord SPA (Algeria). **82 Fed. Reg. 35946** (8/2/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-08-02/pdf/2017-16227.pdf>].

### Treasury – countries with international boycotts



The Department of the Treasury issued the updated list of countries requiring cooperation with an international boycott, consisting of: Iraq; Kuwait; Lebanon; Libya; Qatar; Saudi Arabia; Syria; United Arab Emirates; and Yemen. **82 Fed. Reg. 36076** (8/2/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-08-02/pdf/2017-16290.pdf>].

### CMTS – updated Strategic Action Plan



The Committee on the Marine Transportation System (CMTS) issued a **bulletin** stating that it has prepared an updated **Strategic Action Plan** for Research and Development in the Marine Transportation System. (8/1/17) [<http://www.cmts.gov/Bulletin.aspx?id=6133>].

### House – bill introduced re C-TPAT



Representative McSally (-) introduced a bill (H.R. 3551) to amend the Security and Accountability for Every Port Act of 2006 to reauthorize the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism Program, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Representative McSally issued a **press release** explaining the measure. (7/28/17) [<https://mcsally.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/us-rep-mcsally-introduces-bill-increase-security-ports-entry>].

## IMO – award for exceptional bravery



The IMO issued a **news release** stating that the 2017 IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery is being awarded to two members of the Houston Pilots for their role in averting a major tragedy when the ship they were piloting on 6 September 2016 broke down and burst into flames after colliding with a mooring dolphin. A sudden mechanical failure of the engines resulted in a loss of control and led to the ship striking two mooring dolphins. A fuel tank ruptured, causing a spill of diesel fuel that quickly ignited. The ship was engulfed in flames which reached up to 60 to 90 meters high. The raging fire quickly spread across the channel, threatening other tank ships and nearby waterfront facilities, and enveloped the area in thick toxic smoke. Despite the imminent danger, at great risk to their own lives, both pilots remained at their stations on the bridge of the ship during the fire. Captain McGee managed to manoeuvre the stricken and blazing vessel away from surrounding ships and facilities. Captain Phillips coordinated communications and firefighting efforts with the US Coast Guard and numerous local fireboats. Captain Phillips rushed to grab a fire extinguisher and put out a fire raging on the port bridge wing. The inferno was finally extinguished after 90 minutes, leaving both pilots exhausted and suffering minor burns. Captain McGee, using tugs, was then able to bring the damaged tanker safely to a mooring facility. (8/1/17)

[<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/18-braverypilots.aspx>]. Note: This item was first brought to my attention by Henry de la Garza of **The Pilots PIO**.

## Paris & Tokyo MOUs – CIC on safety of navigation



The Paris and Tokyo MOUs issued a **joint press release** announcing that the concentrated inspection campaign (CIC) for 1 September through 30 November will focus on safety of navigation (SOLAS Ch. V). (7/31/17) [<http://www.tokyo-mou.org/doc/Press%20Release%20on%20CIC%20on%20Safety%20of%20Navigation.pdf>]. *Note: A long-suffering reader gently pointed out that I linked to the wrong site in yesterday's newsletter. Oops.*

## Singapore – fixed CO<sub>2</sub> fire extinguishing system



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a circular providing guidance on the maintenance and inspection of the fixed carbon dioxide fire extinguishing system and the engine room escape hatch door. **Shipping Circular 12-2017** (8/1/17)

[<http://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/port-of-singapore/circulars-and-notices/detail/d830e3ea-b65e-460d-b2cc-8f98c2a1dc98>].

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