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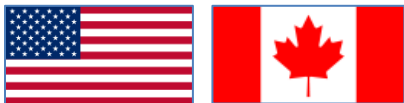
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US & Canada – Coast Guard Summit



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** stating that a US-Canada Coast Guard Summit was held in Grand Haven, Michigan. Among other things, the 2017 update to the Joint Marine Pollution Contingency Plan was signed. (8/4/17) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/08/04/842017-top-u-s-canadian-coast-guard-leaders-hold-summit/>].

Gulf of Mexico – barge fire extinguished



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that the fire on the barge near Cat Island in the Gulf of Mexico has been extinguished. The barge is

carrying 2,500 tons of anhydrous ammonia and 800 gallons of diesel fuel. The incident is under investigation. (8/4/17)
[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1aeb3c1>].

USCG – Cutter Maple reaches Northwest Passage



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that the buoy tender USCGC Maple has reached the Northwest Passage on its voyage from Sitka, Alaska to Baltimore. The vessel is conducting scientific research en route and is accompanied by the Canadian Coast Guard Ship Sir Wilfrid Laurier. (8/4/17)
[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1aee926>].

USCG – Homeport 2.0 coming soon



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** stating that the new and improved Homeport Internet Portal version 2.0 is anticipated to go live on 12 September. (8/4/17)
[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/08/04/872017-homeport-internet-portal-version-2-0-to-go-live-in-september/>].

Illinois – Brandon Road Feasibility Study



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) issued a notice announcing the availability of the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study – Brandon Road Draft Feasibility Study and Environmental Impact Statement – Will County, Illinois. Comments on the study should be submitted by 21 September. **82 Fed. Reg. 36760** (8/7/17)
[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-08-07/pdf/2017-16597.pdf>].

MARAD – Suisun Bay vessel removal project completed



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) issued a **press release** stating that the last of the 57 non-retention vessels has been removed from the Suisun Bay Reserve Fleet (SBRF). The cargo ship Cape Borda has departed for recycling. (8/3/17) [<https://www.transportation.gov/briefing-room/marado317>].

House – bill introduced re natural gas import/export



Representative Higgins (R-LA) introduced the **License Natural Gas Now Act of 2017** (H.R. 3367) to terminate the prohibitions on the exportation and importation of natural gas, and for other purposes. Representative Higgins issued a **press release** explaining the measure. (7/25/17)
[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115hr3367ih/pdf/BILLS-115hr3367ih.pdf>].

Senate – bill introduced re Florida manatees



Senator Nelson (D-FL) introduced a bill (S. 1747) to authorize research and recovery activities to provide for the protection, conservation, and recovery of the Florida manatee, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (8/3/17).

California – Freight Hub Data Collection



The California Air Resources Board (ARB) has released its **Freight Hub Data Collection** draft surveys, including for seaports, for public comment. Comments must be submitted by 4 September. (8/4/17)
[<https://www.arb.ca.gov/gmp/sfti/sfdatacollect.htm>].

Lighthouse Act – 7 August 1789



The **Lighthouse Act** was the ninth statute adopted by the First Congress of the United States. It provided for the voluntary cession by the various states of all lighthouses, beacons, buoys, and public piers to the federal government and tasked the Secretary of the Treasury with building and maintaining the aids to maritime navigation. The Lighthouse Establishment (later named the United States Light House Service) is the oldest of the various components of the present-day United States Coast Guard, joining in 1939.

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