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Galveston – anchorage area proposed



The US Coast Guard proposes to establish a new anchorage area in Bolivar Roads near Galveston. Comments on the proposal must be submitted by 16 October. [82 Fed. Reg. 38643](https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-08-15/pdf/2017-17144.pdf) (8/15/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-08-15/pdf/2017-17144.pdf>].

DOJ – foreign defense contractors sentenced



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a [news release](#) stating that two former executives of foreign defense contractor Glenn Defense Marine Asia (GDMA) were sentenced to prison for conspiring to submit bogus claims and invoices to the US Navy, overcharging by tens of millions of dollars. Neil Peterson and Linda Raja, both of Singapore, were sentenced to 70 and 46 months respectively for their roles in the scheme. (8/12/17)

[<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/singapore-executives-sentenced-fraud-international-navy-corruption-scandal>].

Court – LHWCA average weekly wage



In an unpublished decision, the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit granted the petition of an injured longshoreman who challenged his compensation award. Over a strong dissent, the court held that it was inappropriate for the administrative law judge (ALJ) to utilize an aberrantly slow employment year in calculating claimant's average weekly wage. **Dalton v. Maritime Services Corp**, No. 15-70490 (9th Cir., August 11, 2017) [<http://cdn.ca9.uscourts.gov/datastore/memoranda/2017/08/11/15-70490.pdf>].

Canada – Montreal shore power project



Transport Canada issued a **news release** stating that the shore power project has been completed at the Port of Montreal, allowing ships to shut down their diesel engines and connect to the electrical grid, thereby reducing air pollution. (8/11/17) [https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2017/08/completion_of_a_shorepowerprojectatportofmontrealwillreduceairpo.html].

Opening of the Panama Canal – 15 August 1914



The Panama Canal opened to traffic on 15 August 1914 with passage of the SS Ancon (pictured). First conceived in the 1600s, actual construction work was first begun by a French company in 1880. That attempt was defeated primarily by malaria and yellow fever. Work began on the present-day Panama Canal in 1904, success due in large part to wide-scale eradication of the mosquito discovered to carry yellow fever. The first major change to the Canal in over 100 years, the Canal Expansion Project to allow for transit by larger vessels, has been recently completed and is in operation, heralding a new era for the venerable Canal.

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