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Puerto Rico – Port Condition X-ray



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that Port Condition X-ray has been set for Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands due to the approach of Tropical Storm Maria. (9/17/17)
[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1b79d56>].

FMC – meeting on 20 September



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a notice stating that the Commissioners will meet on 20 September in Washington, DC. In open session, the Commissioners will receive a briefing by Commissioner Dye on the Supply Chain Innovation Teams and Update Global Liner Shipping Asia Conference as well as a staff briefing on Review Process for Carrier and Marine Terminal Operator Agreements. In the closed session, the Commissioners will

receive a staff update on Petition of the Coalition for Fair Port Practices. **82 Fed. Reg. 43541** (9/18/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-09-18/pdf/2017-19847.pdf>].

MTSNAC – meeting on 27 September



The Maritime Transportation System National Advisory Committee (MTSNAC), sponsored by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), will meet on 27 September in Washington, DC. **82 Fed. Reg. 43084** (9/13/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-09-13/pdf/2017-19398.pdf>].

NBSAC – meeting on 10-12 October



The National Boating Safety Advisory Council (NBSAC), sponsored by the US Coast Guard, will meet on 10-12 October in Arlington, Virginia. Topics on the agenda include pyrotechnic visual distress signals and grant projects related to boats and associated equipment. **82 Fed. Reg. 43552** (9/18/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-09-18/pdf/2017-19738.pdf>].

Australia – ship banned for double bookkeeping



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a **media release** stating that the bulk carrier DL Carnation has been banned from making port calls in Australia for twelve months after an inspection found that the vessel was maintaining two sets of books concerning crew wages. Crew underpayments were in excess of \$17,000, which the owner was required to pay before the vessel was released from detention. (9/14/17) [http://www.amsa.gov.au/media/documents/14092017_DLcarnationbannedfromAustraliaforunderpayingcrew.pdf].

UK – ferry grounding



The UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) issued the report of its investigation of the 25 September 2016 grounding of the ro-ro passenger ferry Hebrides. The ferry was approaching Lochmaddy, North Uist, Scotland when control of the ferry's port controllable pitch propeller was lost. The master attempted to control the ferry's movements but he was unable to prevent it from running over several mooring pontoons and briefly grounding. There were no injuries but the ferry was damaged and had to be taken out of service and repaired in dry dock. The loss of control was caused by the loosening

of a setscrew (grub screw) within a servomotor assembly. Thread locking compound had not been used to secure the setscrew. Service instructions for the maintenance of the servomotor were not available to ship's engineers or shore-based service engineers. **Report 20-2017** (9/14/17) [<https://www.gov.uk/maib-reports/loss-of-control-and-grounding-of-ro-ro-passenger-ferry-hebrides>].

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