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## White House – sanctions re North Korea



President Trump issued an **Executive Order** imposing economic sanctions against any person that, among other things, operates in the transportation industries in North Korea or is engaged in the importation or exportation to North Korea of any goods, services, or technology. (9/21/17) [<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/09/21/presidential-executive-order-imposing-additional-sanctions-respect-north>].

## OFAC – sanctions re North Korea



The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) posted **Frequently Asked Questions** (FAQ) regarding the new Executive Order concerning sanctions against North Korea. (9/21/17) [[https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/faqs/Sanctions/Pages/faq\\_other.aspx#nk](https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/faqs/Sanctions/Pages/faq_other.aspx#nk)].

## Puerto Rico – search and rescue



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that a Royal Navy helicopter rescued an adult female and two children from the overturned vessel Ferrel near Vieques, Puerto Rico. An adult male mariner was reported deceased inside the vessel which was inaccessible to search and rescue crews. (9/21/17)  
[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1b8858e>].

## USCG – navigation during GPS outage



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** relating how one master engaged in good navigation practices during a GPS outage. (9/21/17)  
[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/09/21/9212017-good-navigation-practices-how-one-vessel-master-managed-safe-navigation-during-a-gps-outage/>].

## MEDMAC – meeting on 18-19 October



The Merchant Marine Medical Advisory Committee (MEDMAC), sponsored by the US Coast Guard, will meet on 18-19 October in Martinsburg, West Virginia. **82 Fed. Reg. 44432** (9/22/17)  
[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-09-22/pdf/2017-20208.pdf>].

## MERPAC – meeting on 26-27 October



The Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC), sponsored by the US Coast Guard, will meet on 26-27 October in Martinsburg,

West Virginia. **82 Fed. Reg. 44433** (9/22/17)  
[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-09-22/pdf/2017-20209.pdf>].

### **USCG – GIUE program requirements for FY2018**



The US Coast Guard issued a notice establishing the Government Initiated Unannounced Exercise (GIUE) program requirements for FY2018. **ACN 101/17** (9/13/17)  
[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1b6c4be>].

### **IMO – bauxite carriage hazards**



The IMO issued a **news release** warning on hazards of carrying bauxite in bulk by ship. (9/15/17)  
[<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/22-bauxite-CCC.aspx>].

### **Canada – vessel penalized for speeding**



Transport Canada issued a **news release** stating that a \$6,000 penalty has been assessed with regard to the Canadian Coast Guard Ship Sir William Alexander for non-respect of the speed restriction in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. (9/15/17) [[https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2017/09/transport\\_canadaissuesanotherfinefornon-respectofthespeedrestrico.html](https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2017/09/transport_canadaissuesanotherfinefornon-respectofthespeedrestrico.html)].

### **Autumnal equinox – 22 September 2017**



The autumnal equinox for 2017 is at 2002 UTC, Friday, 22 September 2017. This is calculated as the moment that the sun crosses the equator headed south. As I recall, in my youth (also known as the Dark Ages), the first day of autumn was traditionally on 21 September. The delay of a day is disturbing and another insidious impact of global warming and the gradual expansion of the planet's waistline.

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