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USCG – links to web sites



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** providing hyperlinks to frequently-visited USCG Headquarters sites. (10/6/17)

[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/10/06/1062017-updated-hyperlinks-for-frequently-visited-coast-guard-web-sites/>].

USCG – shipboard cyber risk management



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** reminding stakeholders on the importance of shipboard cyber risk management. (10/9/17)

[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/10/09/1092017-natl-cybersecurity-awareness-month-shipboard-cyber-risk-management/>]
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USCG – vessel stability and watertight integrity



The US Coast Guard issued a bulletin recommending owners and masters of fishing vessels and other craft pay attention to vessel stability and watertight integrity. (10/6/17)

[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/10/06/1062017-marine-safety-alert-1117-remain-upright-by-fully-understanding-vessel-stability/>].

House – bill introduced to exempt Puerto Rico



Representative Palmer (R-AL) introduced a bill (H.R. 3966) to provide that provisions of title 46, United States Code, popularly known as the Jones Act and relating to carriage of passenger and merchandise in coastwise trade shall not apply for 5 years with respect to such carriage to and from Puerto Rico. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Representative Palmer issued a [press release](#) explaining the measure. (10/5/17)

[<https://palmer.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/palmer-and-vel-zquez-introduce-puerto-rico-humanitarian-relief-act>].

Australia – rudder failure grounding



The Australian Transportation Safety Bureau (ATSB) issued the report of the 19 August 2016 grounding of the tanker Bow Singapore at Port Phillip, Victoria. At 1614, as the ship neared the eastern end of the South Channel, the rudder ceased responding to helm inputs and remained at five degrees port. The ship started swinging toward the edge of the channel. Steering was regained a short time later but, despite the efforts of the pilot, the ship grounded at 1617. Investigation revealed that a telemotor solenoid, controlling the rudder's movement, had stopped responding to electrical signals. [Report 2016-005](#) (10/6 /17)

[http://www.atsb.gov.au/publications/investigation_reports/2016/mair/326-mo-2016-005/].

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