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USN – sailors rescued in north Pacific



The US Navy issued a [news release](#) stating that the amphibious dock landing ship USS Ashland (LSD 48) rendered assistance to two distressed mariners whose sailboat had strayed well off course. They had departed Honolulu for Tahiti in the spring, but suffered engine failure and later a broken mast. They were discovered in the north Pacific about 900 miles southeast of Japan in good condition. (10/26/17)

[http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=103056].

USCG – outboard engine weight test



The US Coast Guard promulgated a rule finalizing an interim rule to update the table of outboard engine weights used to calculate safe loading

capabilities and required amounts of flotation material on recreational boats. The final rule enters into effect on 1 June 2018. **82 Fed. Reg. 49737** (10/27/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-10-27/pdf/2017-23384.pdf>].

TSAC – meeting on 5-6 December



The Towing Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC), sponsored by the US Coast Guard, will meet in New Orleans on 5-6 December. Topics on the agenda include Subchapter M implementation and inland firefighting. **82 Fed. Reg. 49842** (10/27/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-10-27/pdf/2017-23382.pdf>].

DOE – authorization to import/export LNG



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a notice listing recent orders authorizing the import/export of liquefied natural gas (LNG). **82 Fed. Reg. 49796** (10/27/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-10-27/pdf/2017-23418.pdf>].

Singapore – cargo liquefaction



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a circular regarding safe carriage of solid bulk cargoes that may liquefy. **Shipping Circular 16-2017** (10/23/17) [<http://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/port-of-singapore/circulars-and-notices/detail/ed75114e-628b-43c6-9ed6-4029a9278a74>].

UK – radio regulations amendments



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued a Marine Guidance Note regarding radio regulations amendments and GMDSS radio equipment updates. **MGN 562 (M&F) Amendment 1** (10/26/17) [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/655314/MGN_562_Amendment_1.pdf].

UK – ultra-large container carrier grounding



The UK Marine accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) issued the report of its investigation of the 22 August 2016 temporary grounding of the ultra-large container carrier CMA CGM Vasco de Gama on the western side of the Thorn Channel while approaching the port of Southampton. The investigation found that a detailed passage plan had not been produced; the lead pilot had not briefed his plan for the critical turn; and that the team's roles and responsibilities were unclear. Neither the ship's ECDIS nor the pilot's Portable Pilot Unit functionality were fully utilized and resulted in each system not providing adequate cross checks or alarms. **Report 23-2017** (10/26/17) [<https://www.gov.uk/maib-reports/grounding-of-the-ultra-large-container-vessel-cma-cgm-vasco-de-gama>].

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