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## **USN & USCG – polar icebreaker RFP**



The US Navy, in collaboration with the US Coast Guard, released a **draft Request for Proposals** (draft RFP) for the design and construction of a new Coast Guard Heavy Polar Icebreaker (HPIB). The RFP includes options for two additional HPIBs. Responses to the draft RFP are due 11 December and will support release of the RFP early next year. Contract award is planned for fiscal year 2019, subject to appropriations. (10/19/17)  
[[https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=f5ca62d6c22e656b20a87945134c5fba&tab=core&\\_cview=0](https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=f5ca62d6c22e656b20a87945134c5fba&tab=core&_cview=0)].

## Port Arthur – waterway suitability assessment



The US Coast Guard has extended, until 30 November, the period within which to submit comments on waterway suitability assessment for operation of a liquefied hazardous gas (LHG) terminal near Port Arthur, Texas. **82 Fed. Reg. 50438** (10/31/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-10-31/pdf/2017-23578.pdf>].

## Potomac River – bridge proposal



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that it received a proposal from the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) with plans for a replacement for the Governor Harry Nice Memorial Bridge (US 301) over the Potomac River near Dahlgren, Virginia. The new bridge would have reduced vertical and horizontal clearances, obstructing passage of some larger vessels. Comments must be received by 20 November. **Supplemental Preliminary Public Notice 5-1365a** (10/19/17) [[https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pdf/bridges/publicNotices/DO5PN5-1365a\\_HarryNiceMemorialBridge\\_PotomacRiver,VA.pdf](https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pdf/bridges/publicNotices/DO5PN5-1365a_HarryNiceMemorialBridge_PotomacRiver,VA.pdf)].

## USCG – US-build determination



The US Coast Guard issued a **determination letter** finding that the construction by National Steel and Shipbuilding Company (NASSCO) of two Kanaloa-class combination container and roll-on/roll-off (or 'ConRo') vessels with largely US-source steel plate but with certain foreign-source fabricated and assembled items will not adversely affect the status of those vessels as having been built in the United States and eligible to engage in the US coastwise trade. (10/4/17) [<http://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/NVDC/NASSCO%20ConRo.pdf?ver=2017-10-30-131449-970>].

## USCG – key cyber questions and challenges



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** highlighting five key cyber questions and challenges facing the maritime industry. (10/30/17) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/10/30/10302017-natl->

cybersecurity-awareness-month-five-key-cyber-questions-and-challenges-facing-the-maritime-industry/].

### USCG – maritime safety and stewardship discussions



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** stating that it and representatives of various other federal agencies recently met with representatives of international cruises ship operators to discuss maritime safety and stewardship. (10/30/17)

[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/10/30/10302017-coast-guard-meets-with-cruise-lines-international-association-other-federal-agencies-to-discuss-maritime-safety-and-stewardship/>].

### IMO – movement toward global climate agreement



The Danish Maritime Authority (DMA) issued a **news release** stating that the IMO is moving toward a global climate agreement involving, inter alia, the setting of a vision and a level of ambition for efforts to be made globally to reduce shipping's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions. (10/27/17)

[<https://www.dma.dk/Presse/Nyheder/Sider/IMO-moving-towards-a-global-climate-agreement.aspx>].

### Canada – new bill to address wrecked vessels



Transport Canada issued a **news release** stating that the Government of Canada will introduce a new Act to address wrecked, abandoned, or hazardous vessels. (10/30/17) [[https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2017/10/government\\_of\\_canadatointroducenewacttoaddresswreckedabandonedor.html](https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2017/10/government_of_canadatointroducenewacttoaddresswreckedabandonedor.html)].

### Singapore Strait – tanker boarding



The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre issued a notice stating that the tanker GP T2 was boarded by five perpetrators while transiting the Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS) of the Singapore Strait at about 0142 hours local time on 30 October. They tied up the duty oiler in the engine room, took some engine spare parts, and escaped. The crew was uninjured. **Incident Alert 04/2017** (10/30/17)

[[http://www.recaap.org/DesktopModules/Bring2mind/DMX/Download.aspx?Command=Core\\_Download&EntryId=569&PortalId=0&TabId=78](http://www.recaap.org/DesktopModules/Bring2mind/DMX/Download.aspx?Command=Core_Download&EntryId=569&PortalId=0&TabId=78)].

## Singapore – revision of pre-arrival notice



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a circular announcing, effective 6 November, revision of the Pre-Arrival Notice (PAN) to incorporate implementation of the Ballast Water Management Convention. **Port Marine Circular 19-17** (10/26/17)

[<http://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/port-of-singapore/circulars-and-notices/detail/db782492-de7a-413d-a8c4-f6f25baf9f49>].

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