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## **USCG – racer fined for negligent operation**



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that a powerboat racer paid a \$1,000 fine for negligent operation of his craft on the Saginaw River on 21 June 2017. Prior to participation in the International Outboard Grand Prix, the individual failed to observe posted 'No Wake Zone' signs and conducted a high speed lap around a transiting 600-foot freighter. (11/1/17) [<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1c196ee>].

## **USN – USS Fitzgerald & USS McCain collision reports**



The US Navy issued a **news release** regarding the recent fatal collisions involving the USS Fitzgerald (DDG 62) and USS McCain (DDG 56), with links to the investigation reports, photos, and videos of both warships. (11/1/17) [[http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story\\_id=103130](http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=103130)].

## FMC – meeting on 8 November



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** stating that the Commissioners will meet in open session on 8 November in Washington, DC. Topics on the agenda consist of: an update on the Supply Chain Innovation Teams Initiative; a briefing on economic analysis and statutory issues in the review process for carrier and marine terminal operator agreements; and Commission action on Petition P2-15, Petition of the National Customs Brokers and Forwarders Association of America for Initiation of Rulemaking. (11/1/17) [[https://www.fmc.gov/meeting\\_11-8-2017/](https://www.fmc.gov/meeting_11-8-2017/)].

## House – bill introduced re port authorities



Representative Nadler (D-NY) introduced the **Clean Ports Act of 2017** (H.R. 4147) to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide certain port authorities, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (10/26/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115hr4147ih/pdf/BILLS-115hr4147ih.pdf>].

## UNCTAD – Review of Maritime Transport



The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) issued its **Review of Maritime Transport 2017**. The report presents key developments in the world economy and international trade and related impacts on shipping demand and supply, and the freight and charter markets in 2016 and early 2017, as well as seaports and the regulatory and legal frameworks. (11/1/17) [[http://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/rmt2017\\_en.pdf](http://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/rmt2017_en.pdf)].

## UK – electronic equivalents



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued a **notice** linking to individual approval letters for products which MCA recognizes as electronic equivalents for onboard carriage of IMO instruments such as SOLAS, MARPOL, and STCW. (11/1/17) [<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/mca-approval-letters-for-digital-nautical-publications>].

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