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USCG – Authorized Classification Society Summit



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** stating that it hosted the Second Annual Authorized Classification Society Summit on 17 October. The goals for the Summit were to promote: (1) a common understanding of Coast Guard policy and activities related to delegations for issuance of international certificates to US flag vessels; (2) accountability for organizations and personnel acting on behalf of the US Flag and identifying key performance indicators; and (3) collaboration with authorized classification societies to identify strengths and

address gaps/obstacles in effective administration to further maritime safety, security, and environmental stewardship within the US Flag fleet. (11/3/17) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/11/03/1132017-coast-guard-class-societies-meet-for-2nd-annual-summit-on-u-s-flag-state-program/>].

USN – comprehensive review of recent incidents



The US Navy posted its **Comprehensive Review of Recent Surface Force Incidents**. The review examines systemic causes of these incidents and identifies actions needed to resolve them. (11/2/17) [http://s3.amazonaws.com/CHINFO/Comprehensive+Review_Final.pdf].

MARAD – unscheduled lock outages



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) posted a report entitled “**The Impacts of Unscheduled Lock Outages**”. The report stresses the follow-on costs of navigation breakdowns, including surging demand for rail transport, losses to farmers, and unsustainable increases in truck traffic on highways. (11/2/17) [https://www.marad.dot.gov/wp-content/uploads/pdf/low-res-Lock-Outage-NWF_FINAL_REPORT-2017-002.pdf].

USCG – maritime industry rescue training



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that an agreement has been signed with the Lake Carriers’ Association (LCA) for maritime industry rescue training between Coast Guard Air Station Traverse City and LCA enrolled vessels. (11/2/17) [<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1c14cbo>].

Hawaii – Insular False Killer Whale



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) proposes to designate critical habitat for the Main Hawaiian Islands Insular False Killer Whale Distinct Population Segment. A public meeting will be held in Honolulu on 7 December. Comments on the proposal must be received by 2 January 2018. **82 Fed. Reg. 51186** (11/3/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-11-03/pdf/2017-23978.pdf>].

FERC – Fourchon LNG EIS



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice stating that it intends to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) regarding the proposed construction and operation of Fourchon LNG LLC facility in Fourchon Parish. A public scoping meeting will be held in Cut Off, Louisiana on 16 November. Comments must be received by 6 December. **82 Fed. Reg. 51234** (11/3/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-11-03/pdf/2017-23978.pdf>].

CSHIB – Macondo Investigation Report



The Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSHIB) issued a notice stating that it will meet on 14 November to consider possible changes to its Macondo Investigation Report (regarding the Deepwater Horizon casualty). **82 Fed. Reg. 51213** (11/3/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-11-03/pdf/2017-24059.pdf>].

CBP – 2017 East Coast Trade Symposium



The US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued a notice stating that the 2017 East Coast Trade Symposium will be held on 5-6 December in Atlanta. **82 Fed. Reg. 51285** (11/3/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-11-03/pdf/2017-24000.pdf>].

FMC – meeting on 8 November



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a notice 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. **82 Fed. Reg. 51253** (11/3/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-11-03/pdf/2017-24100.pdf>].

FMC – regulatory reform webpage



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** announcing establishment of a **webpage** dedicated to reporting on the agency's regulatory reform initiative. (11/2/17) [https://www.fmc.gov/fmc_establishes_regulatory_reform_webpage/].

FEMA – Buy American and Hire American



The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) issued a Bulletin providing guidance to recipients of FEMA preparedness grants (including the Port Security Grant Program) regarding the removal of the “Buy American and Hire American” award term from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Standard Terms and Conditions for 2017. **Grant Programs Directorate Information Bulletin No. 425** (11/1/17) [<https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1509651625921-72868e051a203781aa59c6625272cfif/Removal.pdf>].

Canada – Victoria Harbour cleanup



Transport Canada issued a **news release** stating that a \$5 million contract has been awarded to remove contaminated sediment for Victoria Harbour. (11/2/17) [https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2017/10/victoria_harbourcleanupcontractawardedtomilestoneenvironmentalco.html].

New Zealand – cocaine seizure



The New Zealand Customs Service issued a **news release** announcing seizure of cocaine valued at \$20 million and the arrest of four men. The cocaine arrived in the port of Tauranga in a metal chest affixed to the underwater hull of a freighter. (11/1/17) [[http://www.customs.govt.nz/news/stories/Pages/\\$20-million-cocaine-intercepted-in-Tauranga.aspx](http://www.customs.govt.nz/news/stories/Pages/$20-million-cocaine-intercepted-in-Tauranga.aspx)].

Back to standard time – Sunday, November 5, 2017



Long-suffering readers are reminded that, at 2:00 a.m., local time, on Sunday, November 5, the United States goes back to standard time (from GMT-4 to GMT-5 for the Eastern Time Zone). Many nations observe **daylight saving time** during their summer season, but the dates for conversion between standard time and daylight saving time are not uniform and can lead to confusion, so be careful.

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