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NSF – conduct of research in the Arctic;
CMTS – National Strategy for MTS;
House – bill introduced for whistleblower protection;
House – bill introduced re Sea Grant College Program; and
Singapore – UNSC sanctions re North Korea.

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USCG – Arctic Navigational Safety Information System



The US Coast Guard issued a [bulletin](#) highlighting the Arctic Navigational Safety Information System currently under development. (11/14/17) [<http://coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/11/rdte-arctic-navigational-safety-information-system/>].

NSF – conduct of research in the Arctic



The National Science Foundation (NSF) issued a notice stating that it seeks comment on how best to revise and strengthen the Principles for the Conduct of Research in the Arctic. Comments must be submitted by 16 January 2018. [82 Fed. Reg. 52943](#) (11/15/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-11-15/pdf/2017-24678.pdf>].

CMTS – National Strategy for MTS



The Committee on the Marine Transportation System (CMTS) posted the **National Strategy for the Marine Transportation System: Channeling the Maritime Advantage**. The Strategy provides strategic guidance to the Federal interagency partnership under five priority areas: Optimizing System Performance; Enhancing Maritime Safety; Supporting Maritime Security; Advancing Energy Innovation and Development; and Facilitating Infrastructure Investment. (11/14/17)

[http://www.cmts.gov/downloads/National_Strategy_for_the_Marine_Transportation_System_October_2017.pdf].

House – bill introduced re whistleblower protection



Representative DeSaulnier (D-CA) introduced the **Offshore Oil and Gas Worker Whistleblower Protection Act of 2017** (H.R. 4304) to provide whistleblower protections to certain workers in the offshore oil and gas industry. (11/8/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115hr4304ih/pdf/BILLS-115hr4304ih.pdf>].

House – bill introduced re Sea Grant College Program



Representative Huffman (D-CA) introduced the **National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act of 2017** (H.R. 4306) to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes. (11/8/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115hr4306ih/pdf/BILLS-115hr4306ih.pdf>].

Singapore – UNSC sanctions re North Korea



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a circular forwarding the United Nations Security Council sanctions against the Democratic Peoples' Republic of Korea (North Korea). **Shipping Circular 23-2017** (11/14/17) [file:///C:/Users/User/Videos/Misc/Downloads/sc_no_23_of_2017.pdf].

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