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## **USCG – issuance and acceptance of electronic certificates**



The US Coast Guard issued a policy letter providing guidance for the issuance and acceptance of certain electronic certificates for US flag vessels and those foreign flag vessels subject to US port state control. **CG-CVC Policy Letter 17-09** (11/27/17)

[<http://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/TVNCOE/Documents/PolicyLetters/CVCP011709.pdf?ver=2017-11-29-120130-280>].

### USCG – towing vessel deficiency reporting



The US Coast Guard issued a policy letter providing guidance on the recording and reporting of deficiencies and non-conformities on vessels whose owners have chosen to use the Towing Safety Management System (TSMS) option. **CG-CVC Policy Letter 17-10** (11/28/17)

[<http://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/TVNCOE/Documents/PolicyLetters/CVCP011710.pdf?ver=2017-11-29-120129-403>].

### USCG – ballast water management compliance



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** explaining the agency's focus on ballast water management (BWM) compliance. (11/28/17)

[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/11/28/11282017-ballast-water-series-part-2-the-coast-guards-focus-on-compliance/>].

### FMC – NVOCC negotiated rate & service arrangements



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) proposes to amend its regulations governing Non-Vessel-Operating Common Carrier (NVOCC) Negotiated Rate Arrangements and NVOCC Service Arrangements. Comments must be submitted by 29 January 2018. **82 Fed. Reg. 56781** (11/30/17)

[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-11-30/pdf/2017-25718.pdf>].

### Beaufort Sea – exploratory drilling approved



The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) issued a **press release** stating that it has approved Arctic exploration drilling operations in the US outer continental shelf of the Beaufort Sea. (11/28/17)

[<https://www.bsee.gov/newsroom/latest-news/statements-and-releases/press-releases/bsee-approves-new-drilling-operations-in>].

## MARAD – review of agency’s core functions



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) issued a **news release** stating that it requested the National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) to undertake an independent review of the agency’s core functions. That review is now available and MARAD intends to give its recommendations full consideration. Among other things, the report recommends that MARAD conduct a business process review to ensure alignment with the agency’s updated missions, eliminate duplicative processes, and re-engineer inefficient processes. (11/28/17)

[[https://www.marad.dot.gov/newsroom/news\\_release/2017/statement-from-maritime-administration-on-the-national-academy-of-public-administration-pendingdraftworkflow/](https://www.marad.dot.gov/newsroom/news_release/2017/statement-from-maritime-administration-on-the-national-academy-of-public-administration-pendingdraftworkflow/)].

## OFAC – finding of violation re Iran



The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) posted an **Enforcement Information** stating that it issued a Finding of Violation to Dominica Maritime Registry, Inc. for a violation of the Iranian Transactions and Sanctions Regulations. (11/28/17) [[https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/CivPen/Documents/20171128\\_DMRI.pdf](https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/CivPen/Documents/20171128_DMRI.pdf)].

## Senate – bill introduced re WWII merchant mariners



Senator Murkowski (R-AK) introduced the **Merchant Mariners of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2017** (S. 2127) to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the United States merchant mariners of World War II, in recognition of their dedicated and vital service during World War II. (11/15/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115s2127is/pdf/BILLS-115s2127is.pdf>].

## House – bill introduced re recreational vessel operator training



Representative King (R-NY) introduced a bill (H.R. 4468) to direct the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating to study

and report to the Congress regarding recreational vessel operator training. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (11/28/17).

### CRS – Navy force structure



The Congressional Research Service (CRS) prepared a report on Navy force structure and shipbuilding plans. **RL32665** (11/22/17) [<https://fas.org/sgp/crs/weapons/RL32665.pdf>].

### IMO – award for bravery at sea



The IMO issued a **news release** stating that two marine pilots from the Port of Houston have been awarded the 2017 IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea for maneuvering a stricken and blazing vessel away from surrounding ships and facilities, averting a major tragedy. (11/29/17) [<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/34-Bravery2017.aspx>].

### Equasis – world merchant fleet in 2016



The European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) posted **Equasis – The World Merchant Fleet in 2016**. (11/27/17) [<http://www.emsa.europa.eu/news-a-press-centre/external-news/item/2839-equasis-annual-report-published16.html>].

### Bahamas – sprinkler heads and bulbs



The Bahamas Maritime Authority (BMA) issued a technical alert regarding sprinkler heads and bulbs. Contact damage and external corrosion may lead to leakage of the fluid and impairment of function. **Technical Alert 17-14** (11/23/17) [<http://www.bahamasmaritime.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/17-14-sprinkler-heads-and-bulbs.pdf>].

### Canada – proactive vessel management



Transport Canada issued a **news release** announcing the Proactive Vessel Management initiative to help address local marine traffic issues by identifying where local management actions could reduce conflicts between

marine users or minimize environmental impacts, such as routing or speed controls. (11/28/17) [[https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2017/11/government\\_of\\_canadatoreducelocalmarinetrafficissuesthroughtheoc.html](https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2017/11/government_of_canadatoreducelocalmarinetrafficissuesthroughtheoc.html)].

### Hong Kong – limits of liability for marine incidents



The Hong Kong Marine Department issued a notice announcing implementation of an Order giving effect to the latest revision of the limits of liability for marine incidents. **Notice 165-2017** (11/28/17) [<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/notices/pdf/mdn17165.pdf>].

### New Zealand – uncertified ship surveyor



Maritime New Zealand issued a **media release** stating that a ship survey company has been fined \$4,000 for utilizing an uncertified individual to conduct a ship survey. (11/29/17) [<https://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/public/news/media-releases-2017/20171129a.asp>].

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