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Great Lakes – cooperative icebreaking



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that it and the Canadian Coast Guard signed an updated Memorandum of Understanding between their agencies concerning cooperative icebreaking services in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway maritime transportation system. (1/30/18)

[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1d599e2>].

DOJ – US Navy Commander pleads guilty



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a [news release](#) stating that a former US Navy Commander pleaded guilty in federal court to bribery conspiracy charges in connection with the wide-ranging corruption and fraud investigation involving foreign defense contractor Leonard Glenn Francis and his Singapore-based company, Glenn Defense Marine Asia. (1/31/18)

[<https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdca/pr/former-us-navy-commander-pleads-guilty-bribery-conspiracy-foreign-defense-contractor>].

FMC – Petition for Fair Port Practices



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a notice reminding stakeholders that replies and any further submissions to the record in the Petition of the Coalition for Fair Port Practices for Rulemaking (P4-16) are due not later than 1 February. **83 Fed. Reg. 4657** (2/1/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-02-01/pdf/2018-01982.pdf>].

UK – Seafarer Medical Examination System



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued a Merchant Shipping Notice regarding the Seafarer Medical Examination System. **MSN 1839 (M)** (1/31/18) [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/613114/MSN_1839.pdf]. This was followed by a **Corrigendum**. (1/31/18) [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/678255/MSN1839_Corrigendum.pdf],

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