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Mississippi – towboat fire;  
USCG – Auxiliary UPV Examiner augmentation;  
IMO – SDC 5 summary;  
EC – car carriers fined €395 million;  
Gulf of Guinea – protection against piracy; and  
UK – Maritime and shipping statistics.

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## Mississippi – towboat fire



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that the towboat Leland Spears caught fire on the Mississippi River near Greenville, Mississippi. Other towboats pushed it aground at mile marker 509, safely evacuating the eight people onboard. There are no reports of injury or pollution. A waterway restriction has been issued between mile markers 500 and 520. The incident is under investigation. (2/21/18)

[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1dc99e9>].

## USCG – Auxiliary UPV Examiner augmentation



The US Coast Guard issued a policy letter providing guidance concerning USCG Auxiliary UPV Examiner training, qualification, documentation, funding, and support regarding the uninspected passenger vessel





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