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## **Pacific Ocean – main engine casualty**



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that a bulk carrier with 21 crew aboard suffered a main engine casualty 120 miles off the Columbia River. There are no reports of injury or pollution. The vessel is now under tow.

(2/23/18)

[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1dd571c>].

## **Maine – tugs collide, one sinks**



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that it is investigating the cause of a tug collision that occurred three miles south of Kennebunk early on 22 February and monitoring the site where one of the

stricken vessels sank. (2/23/18)  
[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1dd2e6d>].

### USCG – fire protection equipment for towing vessels



The US Coast Guard promulgated an interim rule to apply changes may by the 2016 final rule on harmonization of fire protection equipment standards to inspected towing vessels. The amendment enters into effect on 28 March. **83 Fed. Reg. 8175** (2/26/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-02-26/pdf/2018-03733.pdf>].

### USCG – proposed PREP Guidelines



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that it seeks comments on the regulatory analysis of the potential deregulatory savings that may result from the revisions proposed in the 2016.1 National Preparedness for Response Exercise Program (PREP) Guidelines and on the proposed Guidelines themselves. Comments must be received by 26 March. **83 Fed. Reg. 8290** (2/26/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-02-26/pdf/2018-03773.pdf>].

### USACE – Brazos River Floodgates



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) issued a notice stating that it seeks comments on the draft integrated feasibility report and EIS for the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway: Brazos River Floodgates and Colorado River Locks System. A public meeting will be held on 13 March in West Columbia, Texas. Written comments must be submitted by 11 April. **83 Fed. Reg. 8251** (2/26/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-02-26/pdf/2018-03852.pdf>].

### USACE – requests to alter civil works projects



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has extended until 6 April the period within which to submit comments on its draft circular for processing requests to alter USACE civil works projects pursuant to Section 408. **83 Fed. Reg. 8251** (2/26/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-02-26/pdf/2018-03851.pdf>].

## OFAC – North Korean sanctions



The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) issued a **notice** identifying a number of shipping companies and vessels that have been added to the Specially Designated Nationals (SDN) list. (2/23/18) [<https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/OFAC-Enforcement/Pages/20180223.aspx>]. OFAC also issued a **DPRK Vessel Advisory** concerning North Korea's illicit maritime activity. (2/23/18) [[https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/OFAC-Enforcement/Documents/dprk\\_vessel\\_advisory\\_02232018.pdf](https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/OFAC-Enforcement/Documents/dprk_vessel_advisory_02232018.pdf)].

## HMS Birkenhead – 26 February 1852



On 26 February 1852, the troopship HMS BIRKENHEAD grounded at Danger Point, near Cape Town, South Africa. It was carrying about 400 British soldiers to fight in the Kaffir War in South Africa. Also on board were about 200 civilians, mostly women and children. There were not sufficient lifeboats for everyone. The senior British Army officer onboard ordered the troops to stand fast as the women and children boarded the lifeboats. None of the soldiers broke ranks. The BIRKENHEAD sank soon afterwards. Only 193 of the approximately 643 people originally on board survived. From this event, the maritime tradition of “women and children first” is derived. Rudyard Kipling later wrote the poem “**Solder an' Sailor too**”, dedicated to the Royal Regiment of Marines. The poem includes the lines:

To take your chance in the thick of a rush, with firing all about,  
Is nothing so bad when you've cover to 'and, an' leave an' likin' to shout;  
But to stand an' be still to the Birken'ead drill is a damn tough bullet to chew,  
An' they done it, the Jollies - 'Er Majesty's Jollies – soldier an' sailor too!

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