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USCG – State of the Coast Guard Address



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** stating that Admiral Paul Zukunft will deliver the State of the Coast Guard address on 1 March in Washington, DC. This will be his final such address as his tenure as Commandant expires this year. (2/28/18)
[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/02/28/2-28-2018-commandant-to-deliver-state-of-the-coast-guard-address/>].

USCG – safeguarding the MTS



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** stating that Rear Admiral John Nadeau, Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy submitted an opinion/educational article for the February 2018 edition of Marine News

Magazine discussing the Coast Guard's responsibility to safeguard the Maritime Transportation System (MTS) and enable the uninterrupted flow of maritime commerce. (2/28/17) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/02/28/2-28-2018-op-ed-piece-by-assistant-commandant-for-prevention-policy/>].

USCG – Class I civil penalty action



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** stating that it has initiated a Class I civil penalty action against the owner of two fishing vessels in Alaska after one of the vessels was left adrift and derelict approximately 172 miles south of Dutch Harbor. Allegations include operating the vessels beyond the boundary line without valid load lines; lack of a valid towing operator; and the incorrect broadcast of Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI) data. (2/15/18) [<http://alaska.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/02/coast-guard-charges-owner-of-derelict-fishing-vessel-alaska-patriot/>].

USVI – removal of displaced vessels complete



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that Emergency Support Function 10 (ESF 10) involving maritime pollution mitigation and vessel removal operations related to Hurricanes Irma and Maria have been completed in the US Virgin Islands (USVI). During the operation, 479 displaced vessels were identified and assessed, of which 459 were removed. (2/26/18) [<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1dde94a>].

Tennessee River – safety zone



The US Coast Guard promulgated a final rule establishing a safety zone on the Tennessee River from mile marker 446.0 to mile marker 454.5 during periods of high water. The rule enters into effect on 5 March. **83 Fed. Reg. 8748** (3/1/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-03-01/pdf/2018-04051.pdf>].

DOE – application to export LNG



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a notice stating that it received an application from Southern LNG Company for authorization to export liquefied natural gas (LNG) from the Elba Liquefaction Project in Georgia.

Comments must be submitted by 2 April. [83 Fed. Reg. 8860 \(3/1/18\)](#)
[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-03-01/pdf/2018-04121.pdf>].

USN – OOD competency checks



The US Navy issued a [news release](#) stating that it will continue to conduct officer of the deck (OOD) competency checks across fleet concentration areas. The competency checks provide data on how first-tour, qualified OODs perform in navigation, seamanship, and ship-handling, via written test and simulated at-sea scenarios. (2/28/18)
[http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=104526].

UK – maritime technology revolution



The UK Department for Transport (DfT) issued a [news release](#) outlining its vision for the UK to be at the forefront of a maritime technology revolution which is expected to result in the growing use of autonomous vessels and other developments. (2/28/18)
[<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/transport-secretary-outlines-goal-for-uk-to-be-at-the-heart-of-a-maritime-technology-revolution>].

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