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## **USCG – State of the Coast Guard Address**



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that Admiral Paul Zukunft, Commandant, delivered the State of the Coast Guard Address in Washington, DC. He highlighted the achievements of the service's workforce during the 2017 hurricane season. During three back-to-back storms, the men and women of the Coast Guard saved nearly 12,000 Americans. (3/1/18) [<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1dee85c>].

*Note: A transcript and video of the Commandant's speech are linked at <https://www.uscg.mil/SOTCG2018/>.*

## USCG – Polar Code harmonization



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** summarizing remarks of Mr. Jeffrey Lantz, Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards during the recent International Conference on Polar Code Harmonization. (3/1/18) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/03/01/3-1-2018-remarks-by-director-of-commercial-regulations-and-standards-jeffrey-lantz-during-polar-code-harmonization-conference/>].

## OFAC – North Korea Sanctions Regulations



The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) issued a **news release** announcing the amendment and reissuance of the North Korea Sanctions Regulations. (3/1/18) [<https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/OFAC-Enforcement/Pages/20180301.aspx>].

## NTSB – tanker allision and fire



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) issued the report of its investigation of the 6 September 2016 allision of the tanker Aframax River with two mooring dolphins in the Houston Ship Channel (HSC) near Deer Park, Texas. The allision punctured the ship's hull plating, and about 88,000 gallons of low-sulfur marine gas oil spilled into the water. The oil ignited and burned for about 45 minutes. The two onboard pilots sustained minor burns, and the property damage exceeded \$1.5 million. The probable cause of the allision with mooring dolphins and the subsequent fire in the waterway was a momentary abnormality of the tanker's main engine governor actuator system in responding to command inputs from the bridge. **MAB 18/06** (3/1/18) [<https://www.nts.gov/investigations/AccidentReports/Reports/MAB1806.pdf>].

## BOEM – civil penalty inflation adjustment



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) promulgated a final rule adjusting its outer continental shelf (OCS) civil penalties for inflation. The changes enter into effect immediately. **83 Fed. Reg. 8930** (3/2/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-03-02/pdf/2018-04248.pdf>].

## SLSDC Advisory Board – meeting on 19 March



The Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (SLSDC) Advisory Board will meet on 19 March in Washington, DC. **83 Fed. Reg. 9084** (3/2/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-03-02/pdf/2018-04230.pdf>].

## CMTS – webinar on 12 March re merchant mariner medical certification



The Committee on the Marine Transportation System (CMTS) issued a **bulletin** stating that, on 12 March, it is hosting a webinar to address upcoming changes in the USCG merchant mariner medical certification. The speakers will be Captain Kirsten Martin and Doctor Laura Torres-Reyes, the Commanding Officer and Medical Evaluation Division Chief respectively of the USCG National Maritime Center. (3/1/18) [<http://www.cmts.gov/Bulletin.aspx?id=6139>].

## FMC – \$465,000 in civil penalties recovered



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** stating that it completed compromise agreements with six non-vessel-operating common carriers (NVOCCs) recovering a total of \$465,000 in civil penalties. (2/28/18) [[https://www.fmc.gov/fmc\\_collects\\_465000\\_in\\_penalty\\_payments/](https://www.fmc.gov/fmc_collects_465000_in_penalty_payments/)].

## Court – sea otter translocation program



The US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit affirmed the district courts' decisions in favor of the US Fish and Wildlife Service in consolidated cases brought by fishing industry groups challenging the agency's decision to end a 1987 sea otter translocation program. **California Sea Urchin Commission v. Bean**, No. 15-56672 (9th Cir., March 1, 2018) [<http://cdn.ca9.uscourts.gov/datastore/opinions/2018/03/01/15-56672.pdf>].

## India – certification of masters of polar water ships



The Indian Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) issued a circular establishing transitional provisions for certification of masters and deck officers in ships operating in polar waters. **NT/Exam Circular 02-2018** (3/1/18)  
[[http://dgshipping.gov.in/WriteReadData/News/201803010618351920910nt\\_cir\\_02of2018.pdf](http://dgshipping.gov.in/WriteReadData/News/201803010618351920910nt_cir_02of2018.pdf)].

## Singapore – prevention of pollution of the sea



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a circular stating that amendments entering into force on 1 March have been made to the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea Regulations to incorporate MARPOL amendments involving Annex I (oil), Annex V (garbage), and Annex VI (air). **Shipping Circular 4-2018** (2/28/18)  
[<https://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/port-of-singapore/circulars-and-notices/detail/09eaa328-77af-4e9c-9842-f77a7d9acf4c>].

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