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USCG – Sector Charleston AMSC



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that it seeks applications from individuals interested in serving on the Area Maritime Security Committee (AMSC) for Sector Charleston. Applications should be submitted by 5 April. [83 Fed. Reg. 9530](#) (3/5/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-03-06/pdf/2018-04496.pdf>].

USCG – deck water spray systems on LGCs



The US Coast Guard issued a [bulletin](#) concerning the continuing problem of inadequate deck water spray systems on liquefied gas carriers. (3/5/18)

[<https://homeport.uscg.mil/Lists/Content/DispForm.aspx?ID=15184&Source=https://homeport.uscg.mil/port-directory/houston-galveston>].

MERPAC – meeting on 20-22 March



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** announcing that the Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC) and its working groups will meet on 20-22 March in New Orleans. (3/5/18)

[http://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/NMC/pdfs/announcements/2018/merpac_2018_notice.pdf].

Baltimore – Port-wide Industry Day on 17 April



The US Coast Guard is hosting the Federal Agency Quality Work Group's Port-wide Industry Day on 17 April in Baltimore. Submit topics of interest to: secmdncrpss@uscg.mil (3/5/17).

FMC – formal investigation re detention & demurrage



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** stating that the Commissioners voted to launch a formal investigation focused on practices of vessel operating common carriers and marine terminal operators related to detention, demurrage, and per diem charges. (3/5/18)

[https://www.fmc.gov/formal_investigation_in_detention_demurrage_case/].

IMO – MARPOL amendments



The IMO issued a **news release** reminding stakeholders of amendments to the MARPOL Convention that entered into force on 1 March. These amendments include changes regarding ship fuel oil reporting requirements, garbage classification, and the IOPP Certificate. (3/5/18)

[<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/04MARPOLamendments.aspx>].

IALA – 2018 E-Navigation Underway Conference



The **2018 E-Navigation Underway Conference**, sponsored by the International Association of Lighthouse Authorities (IALA) and hosted by the

California Maritime Academy (CMA), will be held in Vallejo, California on 2-3 October. (3/5/18) [<http://e-navnorthamerica.org/>].

Strait of Malacca – hydrographic survey



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a **news release** stating that the second phase of a joint hydrographic survey of the Straits of Malacca and Singapore (SOMS) by the three littoral States – Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore – and the Malacca Strait Council of Japan officially commenced today. Phase Two will cover waters shallower than 30 meters within the Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS) from One Fathom Bank in the Malacca Strait to Horsburgh Lighthouse at the eastern entrance to the Singapore Strait. This is a continuation from Phase One, which focused on five depth-critical areas of the TSS in the SOMS. (3/5/18)

[<https://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/media-centre/news-releases/detail/b9576877-7fe0-4612-8c14-761b568a50ad>].

Herald of Free Enterprise – 6 March 1987



The **HERALD OF FREE ENTERPRISE** was a double-ended ro-ro car and passenger ferry operating between Bruges-Zeebrougge, Belgium and Dover, England. On 6 March 1987, it departed Bruges-Zeebrougge with a crew of 80, carrying 459 passengers, 81 cars, 3 buses, and 47 trucks. Due to a series of mistakes, the bow doors were not closed prior to leaving port. Upon leaving the harbor and while the ferry was proceeding at over 18 knots, water entered the vehicle deck in large quantities. The free-surface effect of the water impaired stability and led to the capsizing, which occurred in less than one minute. The sinking resulted in 193 deaths. Following the accident and **investigation**, various changes were made to IMO regulations regarding design and operation of ro-ro passenger vessels. The incident was also the impetus for establishment of the UK **Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB)**.

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