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USCG – VADM Schultz nominated as next Commandant



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that Vice Admiral Karl L. Schultz has been nominated to serve as the 26th Commandant. Pending confirmation, he is expected to relieve Admiral Paul F. Zukunft on 1 June in Washington, DC. VADM Schultz currently serves as Commander, Atlantic Area. (3/9/18)

[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1e0d7ba>].

FMC – formal investigation re detention & demurrage



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a notice 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. [83 Fed. Reg. 10481](https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-03-09/pdf/2018-04816.pdf) (3/9/18) [https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-03-09/pdf/2018-04816.pdf].

Senate – bill introduced re NOAA unmanned maritime systems



Senator Wicker (R-MS) introduced a bill (S. 2511) to require the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere to carry out a program on coordinating the assessment and acquisition by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of unmanned maritime systems, to make available to the public data collected by the Administration using such systems, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Senator Wicker issued a [press release](https://www.wicker.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/press-releases?ID=314B2C76-636A-4CDO-96F6-D858860C6F23) explaining the measure. (3/7/18) [https://www.wicker.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/press-releases?ID=314B2C76-636A-4CDO-96F6-D858860C6F23].

House – bill introduced re NOAA unmanned maritime systems



Representative Palazzo (R-MS) introduced a bill (H.R. 5196) to require the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere to carry out a program on coordinating the assessment and acquisition by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of unmanned maritime systems, to make available to the public data collected by the Administration using such systems, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Representative Palazzo issued a [press release](https://palazzo.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=399464) explaining the measure. (3/7/18) [https://palazzo.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=399464].

Singapore – report on USS McCain collision



The Singapore Transport Safety Investigation Bureau issued the [Final Report](https://www.mot.gov.sg/docs/default-source/default-document-library/collision-between-alnic-mc-and-uss-john-s-mccain-21-august-2017fbb8a9eod243486a903b817f70996233.pdf) on its investigation of the collision between the container ship Alnic MC (AM) and the destroyer USS John S. McCain (JSM) in Singapore waters on 21 August 2017. The report stated that the collision happened because of a sudden turn to port by JSM. The sudden turn was due to a series of missteps that took place after a transfer of propulsion controls, which led to confusion as to which station had steering control, and an unintentional reduction of the port engine throttle which increased the rate of JSM's turn to port. (3/8/18) [https://www.mot.gov.sg/docs/default-source/default-document-library/collision-between-alnic-mc-and-uss-john-s-mccain-21-august-2017fbb8a9eod243486a903b817f70996233.pdf].

UK – carriage of dangerous goods



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued a Marine Guidance Note addressing the transport of dangerous goods as defined by the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code when carried in a private vehicle not in commercial use or by a foot passenger on a Ro- Ro ship. **MGN 545 (M&F)** (3/7/18)

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/686501/mgn545.pdf].

UK – seafarer compensation under MLC 2006



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued a Marine Guidance Note outlining the main changes in shipowner liability following the implementation of the Maritime Labour Convention (2006), including seafarer compensation. **MGN 480 (M)** (3/7/18)

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/442353/MGN_480_Shipowner_liability_-_Gov.pdf].

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