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North Carolina – stray containers monitored



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that the approximately 76 stray shipping containers lost overboard during heavy weather from Maersk Shanghai off the coast of North Carolina are being monitored and assessed. One of the containers was carrying about 5,900 pounds of sulfuric acid. Only two of the containers have been found afloat. The vessel owners have arranged for placement of tracking devices and lights on them. A plan has been developed to use side-scan sonar to locate the submerged containers and assess their risks. (3/10/18)

[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1e11c8c>].

USCG – ECA limited exemption re Tier II engines



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** stating that the IMO adopted an amendment to MARPOL Annex VI that allows transit through an Emissions Control Area (ECA) with a Tier II engine if the vessel is sailing directly to or from a shipyard or other repair facility without loading or unloading cargo. Vessels wishing to enter either US ECA under this exemption must notify the USCG in advance. The amendment enters into force on 1 January 2019. (3/8/18)
[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/03/08/3-8-2018-marpol-annex-vi-removal-of-unintended-impact-to-shipyards-by-north-american-emissions-control-area-implementation/>].

USCG – National Quality Steering Committee meeting



The US Coast Guard posted a **bulletin** summarizing the recent meeting of the Coast Guard/American Waterways Operators (AWO) Safety Partnership's National Quality Steering Committee. (3/8/18)
[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/03/08/3-08-2018-coast-guard-american-waterways-operators-steering-committee-meeting/>].

USN – ICEX 2018



The US Navy issued a **news release** announcing the kickoff of ICEX 2018 in the Arctic Ocean with the construction of temporary Ice Camp Skate and the arrival of two U.S. Navy fast-attack submarines and one U.K. Royal Navy submarine. (3/7/18)
[http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=104633].

NOAA – new members appointed to HSRP



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a **media release** stating that three new members have been appointed to the Hydrographic Services Review Panel (HSRP). (3/7/18)
[<http://www.noaa.gov/media-release/noaa-appoints-new-members-to-hydrographic-services-federal-advisory-committee>].

EC – VAT on provision of yachts



The European Commission (EC) issued a **press release** stating that it has opened infringement procedures against Cyprus, Greece, and Malta for not levying the correct amount of Value-Added Tax (VAT) on the provision of yachts. (3/8/18) [http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-18-1451_en.htm].

ReCAAP – February report



The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre issued its **February Report** concerning piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asian waters. A total of five reports were received (three actual and two attempted). This compared favorably with the seven such reports received in February 2017. (3/9/18)

[http://www.recaap.org/DesktopModules/Bring2mind/DMX/Download.aspx?Command=Core_Download&EntryId=621&PortalId=0&TabId=78].

Ireland – maritime cyber risk management



The Irish Department of Transport, Tourism, and Sport issued a notice regarding maritime cyber risk management. **Marine Notice 8-2018** (3/8/18)

[<http://www.dttas.ie/sites/default/files/MN%2008%20of%202018%20Cyber%20Security.pdf>].

Panama Canal – February operations



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory summarizing Canal operations during February. **Advisory 07-2018** (3/9/18)

[<https://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2018/a-07-2018.pdf>].

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