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GLPAC – meeting on 11 April



The Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee (GLPAC), sponsored by the US Coast Guard, will meet via teleconference on 11 April. Topics on the agenda include regulatory reform and promoting energy independence and economic growth. [83 Fed. Reg. 12197](https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-03-20/pdf/2018-05609.pdf) (3/20/18)
[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-03-20/pdf/2018-05609.pdf>].

USCG – NBSAC members sought



The US Coast Guard seeks applications for membership on the National Boating Safety Advisory Council (NBSAC). Applications should be submitted by 21 May. [83 Fed. Reg. 12198](https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-03-20/pdf/2018-05566.pdf) (3/20/18)
[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-03-20/pdf/2018-05566.pdf>].

USN & USCG – recovery of torpedoes in the Arctic



The US Navy issued a [news release](#) stating that Navy and Coast Guard divers trained in the Arctic Ocean on recovery of torpedoes from beneath the ice. (3/19/18) [http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=104772].

St. Lawrence Seaway – Seaway Notices



The Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway System issued [five Seaway Notices](#) in anticipation of the 29 March opening of the 2018 Navigation Season (3/19/18) [<http://www.greatlakes-seaway.com/en/news/notices/seaway/index.html>].

Court – remand of mesothelioma case



The US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit affirmed the remand to state court of an action in negligence against a ship builder for the death from Mesothelioma of the child of a shipyard worker. The worker's activities included working with asbestos insulation in the engine rooms of tugs built for the federal government. Defendant initially removed the state case to federal court contending that it was following government directives. Plaintiffs contended, and the court found, that the federal government did not mandate the shipyard's health and safety practices. [Legendre v Huntington Ingalls](#), No. 17-30371 (5th Cir., March 16, 2018) [<http://www.ca5.uscourts.gov/opinions/pub/17/17-30371-CVo.pdf>].

MREN – Fund icebreakers now



In the March 2018 edition of Maritime Reporter and Engineering News, you can find my article entitled "[Fund icebreakers now](#)". The article points out that Congress last funded the acquisition of heavy polar icebreakers more than 40 years ago. The one operational heavy polar icebreaker in the USCG fleet is 42 years old and in need of major repairs. The ability of the United States to counter Russian dominance in the Arctic is dependent upon a creditable icebreaker fleet. Now is the time to appropriate the necessary funds.

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