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Mediterranean Sea – possible GPS interference



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) posted an **Alert** concerning possible GPS interference in the eastern Mediterranean Sea. (3/26/18)
[<https://www.marad.dot.gov/msci/alert/2018/27058/>].

USCG – NMSAC meeting



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** summarizing the recent meeting of the National Maritime Security Advisory Committee (NMSAC). Among other things, the Committee discussed the Extremely Hazardous Cargo Strategy and cyber security. (3/26/18)
[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/03/26/3-26-2018-national->

maritime-security-advisory-committee-holds-spring-meeting-welcomes-five-new-members/].

BSEE – new quality assurance process



The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) issued a **press release** stating that it is implementing a new quality assurance process for reviewing and assessing its offshore energy operations permitting systems. (3/26/18) [<https://www.bsee.gov/newsroom/latest-news/statements-and-releases/press-releases/bsee-implements-new-quality-assurance>].

St. Lawrence Seaway – security monitoring



The Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway System issued a notice reminding mariners of its security monitoring program. **Seaway Notice 07-2018** (3/26/18) [<http://www.greatlakes-seaway.com/en/pdf/navigation/notice20180326.pdf>].

Court – LHWCA last employer rule



In an unpublished decision, the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit affirmed the ruling that petitioner maritime employer was responsible for claimant employee's noise-induced hearing loss under the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (LHWCA). The court found that substantial evidence supported application of the last employer rule. **Eagle Marine Services v. McNish**, No. 16-71165 (9th Cir., March 26, 2018) [<https://cdn.ca9.uscourts.gov/datastore/memoranda/2018/03/26/16-71165.pdf>].

Australia – ship banned for nonpayment of wages



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a **news release** stating that the Liberian-flagged container ship MSC Kia Ora has been banned from Australian ports for three months after the operator failed to ensure crew were paid their wages in full and on time, and that critical equipment was maintained. (3/26/18) [<https://www.amsa.gov.au/news-community/news-and-media-releases/container-ship-msc-kia-ora-banned-australian-ports>].

UK – MCA business plan



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued its **Business Plan** for 2018 and 2019. The business plan sets out: (1) the services that the agency will deliver and any significant changes it plans to make; (2) the resources the agency requires; and (3) the key performance indicators by which its performance will be assessed. (3/26/18)

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/694386/MCA_Business_Plan_18-19_final_version_2.pdf].

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