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White House – concern re Houthi maritime attack



The White House issued a **statement** concerning expressing concern about the Houthi attack on a commercial vessel transiting the Bab al-Mandab in international waters. (4/4/18)
[<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/statement-press-secretary-houthi-commercial-maritime-attack/>].

White House – national emergency re Somalia



The White House issued a **notice** stating that the national emergency with respect to Somalia has been continued for another year due, in

part, to the persistence of acts of piracy and armed robbery against ships at sea off the Somali coast. (4/4/18) [<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/notice-regarding-continuation-national-emergency-respect-somalia/>].

MARAD – alert re southern Red Sea



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) posted a maritime alert concerning an incident in the southern Red Sea. A projectile was fired at a commercial oil tanker, resulting in hull penetration and minor damage above the waterline. **Alert 2018-005A** (4/3/18) [<https://www.marad.dot.gov/msci/alert/2018/27086/>].

USCG – SONS executive seminar



The US Coast Guard posted a **bulletin** summarizing the recent Spill of National Significance (SONS) executive seminar. The event hosted executives from 17 federal agencies to familiarize agency principals with national oil spill response policy and explore interagency coordination procedures during an actual SONS. (4/4/18) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/04/04/4-4-2018-recap-of-recent-spill-of-national-significance-executive-seminar/>].

USCG – TSAC meeting summary



The US Coast Guard posted a **bulletin** summarizing the recent meeting of the Towing Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC). Topics addressed at the meeting included firefighting training requirements; regulatory reform; and inspection of towing vessels. (4/4/18) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/04/04/4-4-2018-summary-of-recent-towing-safety-advisory-committee-meeting/>].

USCG – two BWMS type approval applications received



The US Coast Guard posted a **bulletin** stating that the Marine Safety Center (MSC) received two applications for ballast water management system (BWMS type approval). One application was for the BallastAce system manufactured by JFE Engineering Corporation. The other application was for

the GloEn-Patrol system manufactured by Panasia Co., Ltd. (4/4/18)
[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/04/04/4-4-2018-marine-safety-center-receives-two-applications-for-ballast-water-management-system-type-approval/>].

Court – negligent infliction of emotional distress



The US Court of Appeals for the First Circuit affirmed in large part the district court award of damages for property loss and emotional distress. While defendant's vessel was ferrying three of plaintiff's vehicles and the drivers to a construction site the vessel encountered rough seas. Two of the vehicles tipped over. In a case of first impression in this circuit, the court ruled that a plaintiff within the zone of danger can recover for negligent infliction of emotional distress in maritime cases. **Sawyer Brothers v. Island Transporter**, No. 6-2470 (1st Cir., April, 2018) [<http://media.ca1.uscourts.gov/pdf/opinions/16-2470P-01A.pdf>].

UN – sanctions re North Korean maritime interests



The Indian Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) posted an **Update** regarding sanctions imposed by the UN Security Council against North Korean maritime interests. (4/3/18)
[http://dgshipping.gov.in/WriteReadData/News/201804041225194627703misc_cir_01of2018_nt.pdf].

Red Sea – tanker attacked



The EU NAVFOR issued a **press release** stating that the tanker Abqaiq was attacked in the southern Red Sea on 3 April. (4/4/18)
[<http://eunavfor.eu/eu-navfor-confirm-mt-abqaiq-attacked-in-southern-red-sea/>].

UK – port marine operations guide



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued a **Guide to Good Practice on Port Marine Operations**. (4/4/18)
[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/697196/MCGA-Port_Marine_Guide_to_Good_Practice_NEW-links.pdf].

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