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USCG – new Form CG-835V Vessel Inspection Requirements



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** announcing development of a new Form CG-835V Vessel Inspection Requirements. The new form has been specifically tailored to capture more detailed deficiency data in a manner that is aligned with globally accepted Port State Control methodologies. (4/5/18) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/04/05/4-5-2018-new-form-cg-835v-vessel-inspection-requirements/>].

USCG – PWSRCAC recertification



The US Coast Guard issued a notice announcing the recertification of the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council (PWSRCAC). **83 Fed. Reg. 14875** (4/6/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-04-06/pdf/2018-07085.pdf>].

BOEM – renewable energy leasing offshore Atlantic



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) issued a notice requesting the public to contribute to development of a path forward for future renewable energy leasing offshore the US Atlantic coast. Comments should be submitted by 21 May. **83 Fed. Reg. 14881** (4/6/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-04-06/pdf/2018-07106.pdf>].

Australia – car carrier pleads guilty



The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) issued a **news release** stating that Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha (K-Line) entered a guilty plea in the Federal Court to criminal cartel conduct concerning the international shipping of cars, trucks, and buses to Australia. (4/5/18) [<https://www.accc.gov.au/media-release/second-shipping-company-pleads-guilty-to-criminal-cartel-conduct>].

Denmark – maritime digitization



The Danish Maritime Authority (DMA) issued a **news release** stating that the Danish led project EfficienSea2 is enhancing maritime digitization and improving maritime safety and efficiency. (4/4/18) [https://www.dma.dk/Presse/Nyheder/Sider/Maritime_digitalisation_is_strengthened_by_Danish_led_project.aspx].

Singapore – persons authorized to supply water



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a circular providing an updated list of persons authorized to supply water to ocean-going vessels and harbor craft in port. **Port Marine Circular 3-2018** (4/5/18) [<https://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/port-of-singapore/circulars-and-notices/detail/fbde4dao-ob9f-47ad-b183-10f576329c63>].

Union Faith-Warren J. Doucet tow collision – 6 April 1969



On 6 April 1969, the steamship Union Faith, operating with a local pilot, was upbound on the Mississippi River at New Orleans. The towboat Warren J. Doucet was downbound with three tank barges,

each holding about 9,000 barrels of crude oil. A second towboat was made up to the port quarter of the face barge. In accordance with local custom, the tow was favoring the bends. Slightly upstream of the Greater New Orleans Bridge, in the Gouldsboro Bend, the Union Faith collided with the lead barge of the towboat. The barge broke loose and caught fire. A series of explosions followed almost immediately and the Union Faith was engulfed in flames. Crude oil burned on the river, threatening moored vessels and harbor facilities. Union Faith drifted downriver, burning from stem to stern and then sank. A total of 25 persons on Union Faith, including all persons on the bridge, died in the incident. Investigation revealed that the towboat was operating its radio on 2738 kHz, but was not monitoring 156.65 MHz (Channel 13). The pilot on Union Faith was using a portable transceiver operating on 156.65 MHz, but apparently not monitoring 2738 kHz. Both vessels were equipped with marine radar and the navigation lights on both vessels were apparently operating properly. As a direct result of this casualty, and in accordance with a primary recommendation of the [USCG Marine Casualty Report](#), Congress adopted the Vessel Bridge-to-Bridge Radio Telephone Act (Pub.L. 93-63, August 4, 1971), requiring vessels in the same waterway to monitor a common frequency.

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