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## **USCG – Coast Guard Medal awarded**



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that a Coast Guard petty officer has been awarded the Coast Guard Medal. On 6 October 2016, BM1 Jacob Hylkema put his life at risk by jumping from his patrol boat into 18-20 breaking surf to rescue the master of a sailing vessel. (4/7/18)  
[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1e7da99>].

## USCG – latest E-Zero designees



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** congratulating the latest E-Zero designees. The intent of this program is to recognize those exemplary vessels that have consistently adhered to environmental compliance, while also demonstrating an immense commitment to environmental stewardship. (4/6/18) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/04/06/4-6-2018-congratulations-to-the-latest-e-zero-designees/>].

## BOEM – wind energy lease sale offshore Massachusetts



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) issued a **press release** announcing the proposed lease sale of two additional areas offshore Massachusetts for wind energy. (4/6/18) [<https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/trump-administration-proposes-sale-wind-energy-massachusetts-coast>].

## BOEM – New York Bight wind energy



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) issued a **press release** stating that it seeks information and industry interest in offshore wind energy development within the New York Bight. (4/6/18) [<https://www.boem.gov/press04062018a/>].

## DOJ – fishing vessel captain convicted of pollution



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a **news release** stating that a former captain of a fishing vessel was found guilty of discharging oily waste directly into the ocean in violation of the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships (APPS). (4/5/18) [<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/former-vessel-captain-convicted-discharging-oily-waste-ocean>].

## NSIDC – Arctic sea ice



The National Snow and Ice Data Center (NSIDC) issued a **news release** stating that the extent of Arctic sea ice in March was the second lowest on record. In addition, the extent at the end of the month was far below average in the Bering Sea. (4/4/18) [<http://nsidc.org/arcticseaicenews/>].

## CRS – costs of 355-ship Navy



The Congressional Research Service (CRS) issued a report concerning Navy Force Structure and Shipbuilding Plans. The report notes that additional shipbuilding funds are only a fraction of the total costs that would be needed to achieve and maintain the Navy's planned 355-ship fleet. **RL32665** (3/27/18) [<https://fas.org/sgp/crs/weapons/RL32665.pdf>].

## California – marine terminal physical security



The California State Lands Commission (SLC) issued a **notice** stating that it intends to repeal Article 5.1, Marine Terminal Physical Security Regulations. Comments must be received by 21 May. (4/6/18) [<http://www.slc.ca.gov/Laws-Regs/Article5-1.html>].

## IMO – GMDSS satellite services



The IMO Sub-committee on Navigation, Communications, and Search and Rescue (NCSR) issued a document addressing migration of the recognized GMDSS services from Inmarsat-3 to Inmarsat-4 satellites. **NCSR 5/14/4** (12/15/17) [[http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/Misc/NCSR\\_5-14-4\\_I3\\_to\\_I4.pdf](http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/Misc/NCSR_5-14-4_I3_to_I4.pdf)]. *Note: This item was brought to my attention by my good friend Joe Hersey of Joecel Engineering & Consulting.*

## EC – Portuguese tonnage tax and seafarer scheme



The European Commission (EC) issued a **press release** stating that it has approved the Portuguese tonnage tax and seafarer scheme. (4/6/18) [[http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_IP-18-2842\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-18-2842_en.htm)].

## Singapore – reporting Gulf of Guinea piracy



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a circular reminding stakeholders of the procedures for reporting of incidents of piracy and armed robbery against ships in the Gulf of Guinea. **Shipping Circular 6-2018** (4/6/18) [<https://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/port-of->

singapore/circulars-and-notices/detail/d190336f-bebe-4f60-9c2b-e769a11b39b7].

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