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USCG – 2017 Port State Control Report



The US Coast Guard posted its **2017 Port State Control Report**. The annual detention rate of 0.99% was the lowest ever. (4/13/18)
[<https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/CG-5PC/CG-CVC/CVC2/psc/AnnualReports/annualrpt17.pdf>].

USCG – application for BWMS type approval



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** stating that it has received its thirteenth application for type approval of a ballast water management system (BWMS), this one for the Aquarius EC system manufactured by Wartsila Water Systems Ltd. (4/13/18) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/04/13/4-13-2018-13th-application-received-for-bwms-type-approval/>].

USCG – Tug Safe



The USCG Towing Vessel Center of Expertise (TVCOE) established a link in the upper left section of its homepage for the Inspected Towing Vessel Decision Aid (**Tug Safe**). Clicking on Tug Safe will provide access to a variety of extracts including Construction & Arrangement; Credentials, Documents & Records; and Fire Protection. (4/13/18) [<https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Prevention-Policy-CG-5P/Traveling-Inspector-Staff-CG-5P-TI/Towing-Vessel-National-Center-of-Expertise/TugSafe/>].

MARAD – Small Shipyard Grant Program



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) issued a notice stating that \$19,600,000 is available under the Small Shipyard Grant Program. Applications must be received by 22 May. **83 Fed. Reg. 16423** (4/16/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-04-16/pdf/2018-07846.pdf>].

BOEM – seminar re Massachusetts proposed sale



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) issued a **press release** stating that it will host a public seminar on 26 April in Sterling, Virginia regarding the proposed lease sale for the Wind Energy Area offshore Massachusetts. (4/13/18) [<https://www.boem.gov/note04132018/>].

NASA – shipping activity in the Arctic



NASA's Earth Observatory issued a **bulletin** concerning how the disappearing Arctic sea ice is leading to changes in the shipping industry.

Analysis reveals that shipping activity in the Arctic has moved north and east over the past seven years, getting closer to the North Pole. More small ships, including fishing vessels, are operating in the Arctic than previously. (4/12/18) [<https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/IOTD/view.php?id=91981&src=twitter-iotd>].

GAO – USCG heavy polar icebreaker acquisition



The Government Accountability Office (GAO) issued a report on the status of the Coast Guard's heavy polar icebreaker acquisition. The acquisition program calls for construction and operation of three heavy polar icebreakers. The contract is expected to be awarded in the third quarter of fiscal year 2019 with delivery of the lead ship in 2023. **GAO-18-385R** (4/13/18) [<https://www.gao.gov/assets/700/691260.pdf>].

California – \$350,000 penalty for air emission violations



The California Air Resources Board (ARB) issued a **notice** stating that Mediterranean Shipping Company SA paid \$350,000 in penalties for a total of four violations of state air emission regulations by its vessels. The company has corrected the issue, and devised a thorough compliance plan going forward. (3/26/18) [https://www.arb.ca.gov/enf/casesett/msc_mediterranean_shipping_company_sa.htm].

IMO – climate change strategy adopted



The IMO issued a **news release** stating that the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 72) adopted an initial strategy on reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from ships engaged in international trade. The strategy includes a specific reference to 'a pathway of CO2 emissions reduction consistent with the Paris Agreement temperature goals'. (4/13/18) [<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/06GHGinitialstrategy.aspx>].

ReCAAP – first quarter report



The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre posted its **Report** of incident of piracy and armed robbery against ships in Asian waters during the first quarter of 2018. There were 14 reports compared to 27 reported incidents in

the same period of 2017. (4/13/18)

[<http://www.recaap.org/resources/ck/files/reports/quarterly/ReCAAP%20ISC%201st%20Quarter%202018%20Report.pdf>].

New Zealand – grounding on uncharted rock



The New Zealand Transport Accident Investigation Commission (TAIC) issued the **report** of its investigation of the grounding of the passenger vessel L'Austral on an uncharted rock in the Snares Islands on 9 January 2017 in the sub-Antarctic. While the master was distracted with other matters, the vessel drifted into an unauthorized zone and made contact with the rock, which pierced the hull. There were no injuries or reports of pollution. (4/13/18)
[<https://taic.org.nz/inquiry/mo-2017-201>].

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