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North Carolina – radio communications restored



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that radio communications offshore North Carolina have been restored. (5/4/18) [<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1ee0907>].

USCG – cyber awareness training for AMCS members



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** stating that Area Maritime Security Committee (AMSC) members will be offered four opportunities to take 'Marine Transportation System Cyber Awareness Training' via webinars throughout May. The training, to be offered on 8, 10, 14, and 16 May, was developed to provide basic cyber awareness with a focus on maritime facility and vessel operations. (5/4/18) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/05/04/05-04-2018-marine-transportation-system-cyber-awareness-training-webinar-sessions-for-amsc-members-offered-during-may-2018/>].

USCG – CIRCAC recertification



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens' Advisory Council (CIRCAC) has been recertified as an alternative voluntary advisory group. **83 Fed. Reg. 20085** (5/7/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-05-07/pdf/2018-09664.pdf>].

Sulu and Celebes Sea – terrorist threat



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) posted a maritime alert stating that the terrorist group Abu Sayyaf has threatened to kidnap merchant vessel crew members for ransom in the Sulu and Celebes Sea. Ships operating in this vicinity should exercise caution. **Alert 2018-006A** (5/4/18) [<https://www.marad.dot.gov/msci/alert/2018/27444/>].

CMTS – maritime port resilience discussion on 18 May



The Committee on the Marine Transportation System (CMTS) issued a **notice** announcing a discussion on 18 May in Washington, DC on

maritime port resilience and lessons from the 2017 hurricane season. (5/1/18) [<https://www.cmts.gov/posts/da600a57-5fc4-40a4-a0b5-169c82d85175>].

CMTS – maritime infrastructure seminar on 11 June



The Committee on the Marine Transportation System (CMTS) issued a **notice** announcing an industry outreach seminar on maritime infrastructure on 11 June in Washington, DC. Participants will include representatives from the US Coast Guard, the US Army Corps of Engineers, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and DHS Infrastructure Protection. (5/1/18) [].

Senate – bill introduced re Mercy Ships



Senator Cornyn (R-TX) introduced a bill (**S. 2714**) to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Don and Deyon Stephens, Founders of Mercy Ships, in recognition of nearly 40 years of service as the leaders of a humanitarian relief organization that exemplifies the compassionate character of America. Senator Cornyn issued a **press release** explaining the measure. (4/19/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115s2714is/pdf/BILLS-115s2714is.pdf>].

Senate – MARAD Authorization Act introduced



Senator Fischer (R-NE) introduced the **Maritime Authorization and Enhancement Act for Fiscal Year 2019** (S. 2717) to reauthorize provisions relating to the Maritime Administration. (4/19/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115s2717is/pdf/BILLS-115s2717is.pdf>].

Senate – bill introduced re offshore drilling



Senator Cantwell (D-WA) introduced the **Clean Coasts Act** (S. 2720) to codify the outer Continental Shelf blowout preventer systems and well control rule and the Arctic drilling rule. Senator Cantwell issued a **press release** explaining the measure. (4/19/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115s2720is/pdf/BILLS-115s2720is.pdf>].

Court – COGSA and forum selection clauses



The US Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit affirmed dismissal of an in rem action against the ship that carried plaintiff's cargo and where the cargo was allegedly damaged. The cargo was carried under a bill of lading that included a forum selection clause for South Korea. Plaintiff asserted that the forum selection clause violates the Carriage of Goods at Sea Act (COGSA) because South Korea does not allow in rem actions. The court ruled that since there was no indication that South Korea does not provide adequate processes for adjudication of cargo damage claims the forum selection clause is not invalidated. **Liberty Woods International v. MV Ocean Quartz**, No. 16-4195 (3rd Cir., May 4, 2018) [<http://www2.ca3.uscourts.gov/opinarch/164195p.pdf>].

Tokyo MOU – annual report



The Tokyo MOU posted its **Annual Report 2017**. (5/2/18) [<http://www.tokyo-mou.org/doc/ANN17.pdf>].

Singapore – use of mass flow meters



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a **news release** stating that, effective 1 July, use of mass flow meters (MFMs) will be mandatory for all bunker tankers delivering distillates in the Port of Singapore. (4/27/18) [<https://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/media-centre/news-releases/detail/beae3877-f7c6-48f4-9996-9b90928bb331>].

UK – bulk carrier grounded twice



The UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) issued the report of its investigation of the 12 June 2017 grounding of the bulk carrier Ocean Prefect when approaching Ahmed Bin Rashid Port, in Umm Al Qaywayn, United Arab Emirates. The vessel was not damaged and was re-floated 12 hours later. During a second attempted entry into the port the following day, Ocean Prefect again grounded but, despite the breaching of three ballast tanks, the vessel continued to its berth. Two harbour pilots were on board during the groundings. There were no injuries or pollution. Investigation revealed that the pilots had very limited local knowledge. **Report 8-2018** (4/27/18) [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5ad877cce5274a76c13dfe3d/MAIBInvReport08_2018.pdf].

UK – collision in Dover Strait



The UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) issued the report of its investigation of the 1 July 2017 collision between the bulk carrier Huayang Endeavour and the oil tanker Seafreighter in the Dover Strait approximately 5 nautical miles to the west of Sandettie Bank. Both vessels were damaged in the collision but were able to proceed to nearby ports for damage assessment. The accident did not result in any injuries or pollution. Investigation revealed that a VHF radio conversation between the two vessels had resulted in the two bridge teams holding conflicting views as to what had been agreed regarding Huayang Endeavour overtaking Seafreighter. Subsequently, Seafreighter's bridge team did not check for sea room astern before altering course, leading to a close quarter situation between the two vessels. In addition, Seafreighter's master had been present on the bridge for over 14 hours and was probably suffering from fatigue, which was likely to have had an adverse effect on his decision making. **Report 7-2018** (4/27/18)
[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5ad86d01e5274a76c13dfdc1/MAIBInvReport07_2018.pdf].

UK – drones tested in SAR scenarios



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued a **news release** stating that it and the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) are testing the use of drones in real life search and rescue (SAR) scenarios. (5/2/18)
[<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/mca-and-rnli-test-drones-in-real-life-search-and-rescue-scenarios>].

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