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New York – tanker-fishing vessel collision



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that the loaded tankship Tofteviken and the fishing vessel Polaris collided off Bridgehampton, New York. Polaris suffered damage to its bow and outrigger. Tofteviken suffered a 30-foot gash along its portside hull. There were no reports of injury.

Toftvikken has anchored awaiting survey. The incident is under investigation. (5/14/18) [<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1f01f5a>].

Columbia River – mass casualty exercise



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that federal, state, tribal and local agencies will conduct a mass rescue operation exercise along the Columbia River at The Dalles. The exercise will simulate a large passenger vessel casualty that causes mass injuries and forces passengers into the water without lifejackets. (5/14/18) [<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1f019ad>].

NOAA – comments on Biological Opinion



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has extended, until 23 July, the period within which to submit comments on its Biological Opinion on chlorpyrifos, diazinon, and malathion. [83 Fed. Reg. 22480](#) (5/15/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-05-15/pdf/2018-10346.pdf>].

SLSDC – Advisory Board meeting on 6 June



The Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (SLSDC) Advisory Board will meet on 6 June in Washington, DC. [83 Fed. Reg. 22578](#) (5/15/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-05-15/pdf/2018-10248.pdf>].

Court – quantum meruit



In an unpublished decision, the US Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit applied state quantum meruit principles to affirm that the company that supplied bunkers to a merchant vessel is entitled to recover the value of the bunkers even though the vessel owner had previously paid a now-bankrupt intermediary. [Martin Energy Services v. MV Bravante IX](#), No. 17-10899 (11th Cir., May 10, 2018) [<http://media.ca11.uscourts.gov/opinions/unpub/files/201710899.pdf>].

IMO – autonomous ships



The Danish Maritime Authority (DMA) issued a **news release** stating that the IMO Maritime Safety Committee will take up the issue of regulation of autonomous ships at its upcoming meeting (MSC 99). (5/14/18) [https://www.dma.dk/Presse/Nyheder/Sider/IMO_to_pave_the_way_autonomous_ships.aspx].

Paris MOU – air emission Letters of Warning



The Paris MOU issued a **news release** stating that, starting 1 January and in an effort to encourage timely compliance with the planned improvements to air emission requirements, its member states will begin issuing Letters of Warning to ships not meeting those requirements. (5/14/18) [<https://www.parismou.org/paris-mou-agrees-focus-prevention-air-pollution-ships>].

Canada – National Trade Corridors Fund



Transport Canada issued a **news release** announcing the \$2 billion National Trade Corridors Fund to improve, among other things, sea ports and intermodal facilities (5/12/18) [<https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2018/05/national-trade-corridors-fund.html>].

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