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USCG – offshore safety



The US Coast Guard issued a [bulletin](#) summarizing the recent Center for Offshore Safety panel discussion on Safety, Safety Management, and Future Regulatory Activity. (5/17/18)

[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/05/17/5-17-2018-recap-of-center-for-offshore-safety-panel-session-with-assistant-commandant-for-prevention-policy-and-bsee-director/>].

USCG – NAVSAC members sought



The US Coast Guard seeks applications for membership on the Navigation Safety Advisory Committee (NAVSAC). Applications should be submitted by 17 July. **83 Fed. Reg. 23285** (5/18/18)
[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-05-18/pdf/2018-10618.pdf>].

FMC – complaint alleging misdelivery



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a notice stating that it received a complaint by JC Horizon Ltd against China Shipping Container Lines Co Ltd. It alleges that respondent unloaded complainant's cargo in the wrong port and then charged demurrage. **83 Fed. Reg. 23275** (5/18/18)
[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-05-18/pdf/2018-10662.pdf>].

Nashville – allision with railroad bridge



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) issued the report of its investigation of the 11 March 2017 allision involving the towing vessel *Steve Plummer*. The towboat was pushing three loaded barges on the Cumberland River in Nashville, Tennessee. As the tow passed beneath the CSX Railroad Bridge at mile 190.4, the second and third barges allided with the bridge's upstream guard pier. No injuries or pollution resulted from the accident; however, the two barges sustained damage and the guard pier was destroyed in the allision. The probable cause of the *Steve Plummer* tow's allision with the CSX Railroad Bridge was the pilot's decision to tow three loaded barges during rising river conditions with swift currents, which overwhelmed his ability to maneuver the tow through the bridge. **MAB 18-09** (5/17/18)
[<https://www.nts.gov/investigations/AccidentReports/Reports/MAB1809.pdf>].

Canada – safer navigation & emergency response



Transport Canada issued a **news release** announcing new measures for safer maritime navigation and emergency response. (5/16/18)

[<https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2018/05/government-of-canada-introduces-new-measures-and-enters-into-new-partnerships-for-safer-maritime-navigation-and-emergency-response-through-the-ocea.html>].

China – caution re fishing vessel areas



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a circular urging caution when navigating through fishing vessel areas in the coastal waters off Ningbo-Zhoushan Port, China. **Shipping Circular 7-2018** (5/17/18)

[<https://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/port-of-singapore/circulars-and-notices/detail/ccofa49f-4e63-46ef-b7dc-31045886df2c>].

Panama Canal – Port of Balboa



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory concerning the surveyed depths and maximum allowable drafts in the Port of Balboa.

Advisory 16-2018 (5/16/18)

[<https://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2018/a-16-2018.pdf>].

Panama Canal – BAPLIE filings for full container vessels



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory announcing modifications to the bay plan/stowage plan for occupied and empty locations (BAPLIE) filing requirements for full container vessels utilizing the Canal.

Advisory 15-2018 (5/16/18)

[<https://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2018/a-15-2018.pdf>].

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