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## NTSB – meeting on 5 June re Caribbean Fantasy



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) issued a notice stating that the Board will meet on 5 June in Washington, DC to consider the marine accident report concerning the 17 August 2016 fire onboard the ro-ro passenger vessel Caribbean Fantasy off San Juan. **83 Fed. Reg. 23492** (5/21/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-05-21/pdf/2018-10865.pdf>].

## USCG & EPA – meeting on 5 June re sulfur cap



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that it and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will conduct a public workshop on 5 June in Washington, DC in preparation for the upcoming session of the IMO working group on consistent implementation of regulation 14.1.3 of MARPOL Annex IV (Global 0.50% Sulfur Cap). **83 Fed. Reg. 23476** (5/21/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-05-21/pdf/2018-10696.pdf>].

## USCG – first West Coast Subchapter M COI



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that the first Subchapter M Certificate of Inspection (COI) on the West Coast has been issued to the Tidewater Barge Line's Crown Point of Vancouver, Washington. (5/18/18) [<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1f11f6f>].

## Long Island Sound – large whale stranding response



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that it and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) entered into the Long Island Sound Large Whale Response Plan to coordinate response to stranding of large whales. (5/18/18) [<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1f1274e>].

## MARAD – worldwide measles outbreak



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) posted an advisory stating that a Travel Health Alert Notice has been issued regarding an outbreak of measles in Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Pacific. International travelers should ensure that their vaccines are up to date. **Advisory 2018-008** (5/18/18) [<https://www.marad.dot.gov/msci/advisory/2018/27724/>].

## MARAD – NDRF Industry Day on 22 May



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) issued a **notice** stating that the National Defense Reserve Fleet (NDRF) Industry Day will be held in Washington, DC on 22 May. (5/18/18) [<https://www.marad.dot.gov/ships-and-shipping/strategic-sealift/marad-national-defense-reserve-fleet-industry-day/>].

## Senate – bill introduced re water development



Senator Barrasso (R-WY) introduced the **America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018** (S. 2800) to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes. (5/8/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115s2800is/pdf/BILLS-115s2800is.pdf>].

## House – bill introduced re rivers and harbors



Representative Shuster (R-PA) introduced the **Water Resources Development Act of 2018** (H.R. 8) to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and for other purposes. (5/18/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115hr8ih/pdf/BILLS-115hr8ih.pdf>].

## House – bill introduced re sexual assault/harassment



Representative DeFazio (D-OR) introduced a bill (H.R. 5857) to protect transportation personnel and passengers from sexual assault and harassment, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Representative DeFazio issued a [press release](#) explaining the measure. (5/17/18) [<https://defazio.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/peter-defazio-introduces-legislation-addressing-sexual-assault-and>].

## House – bill introduced re maritime border threat analysis



Commissioner Gonzalez-Colon (R-PR) introduced a bill (H.R. 5869) to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a maritime border threat analysis, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (5/17/18).

## House – bill introduced re WWII merchant mariners



Representative Garamendi (D-CA) introduced a bill (H.R. 5849) to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the United States merchant mariners of World War II, in recognition of their dedicated and vital service during World War II. (5/18/18).

## GAO – Homeland Security acquisitions



The Government Accountability Office (GAO) issued a report on Homeland Security acquisitions. It recommends that DHS update its acquisition policy to require certification of fund memoranda when programs re-baseline as a result of breach and assess programs' post-implementation reviews to improve performance across the acquisition portfolio. [GAO-18-339SP](#) (5/17/18) [<https://www.gao.gov/assets/700/691817.pdf>].

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