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DOJ – \$20 million settlement re ship husbanding



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a [news release](#) stating that Inchcape Shipping Services Holdings Limited and certain of its subsidiaries have agreed to pay \$20 million to resolve allegations that they violated the False Claims Act by knowingly overbilling the US Navy under contracts for ship husbanding services. (5/29/18) [<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/united-states->

settles-lawsuit-alleging-contractor-falsely-overcharged-us-navy-ship-husbanding].

USCG – 2017 recreational boating statistics



The US Coast Guard released its **2017 Recreational Boating Statistics**, revealing that boating fatalities nationwide that year totaled 658, a 6.1 percent decrease from 2016. (5/29/18) [<http://www.uscgboating.org/library/accident-statistics/Recreational-Boating-Statistics-2017.pdf>].

NTSB – meeting on 5 June



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) issued a **news release** stating that on 5 June the Board will meet in Washington, DC to determine the probable cause of the 17 April 2016 engine room fire onboard the ro-ro passenger vessel Caribbean Fantasy. (5/29/18) [<https://www.nts.gov/news/press-releases/Pages/NR20180529.aspx>].

House – National Defense Authorization Act



The **National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019** (H.R. 5515) has been reported in the House of Representatives. The bill incorporates the Maritime Administration (MARAD) Authorization Act and the US Coast Guard (USCG) Authorization Act. (5/15/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115hr5515rh/pdf/BILLS-115hr5515rh.pdf>].

EC – single-use plastics



The European Commission (EC) issued a **press release** stating that it is proposing new EU-wide rules to target the ten single-use plastic products most often found on Europe's beaches and seas, as well as lost and abandoned fishing gear. These products include plastic cotton buds, cutlery, straws, and drink stirrers. (5/28/18) [http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-18-3927_en.htm].

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