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## White House – USCG Change of Command

The White House issued the remarks of President Trump at the US Coast Guard Change of Command in Washington, DC. Admiral Paul Zukunft was relieved as Commandant by Admiral Karl Schultz. Admiral Zukunft completed 45 years of service to the Coast Guard and the nation and retired from active duty. (6/1/18) [https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/remarks-president-trump-u-s-coast-guard-change-command-ceremony/].

#### White House - National Oceans Month

President Trump issued a Proclamation designating June as National Oceans Month. (5/31/18) [https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/president-donald-j-trump-proclaims-june-2018-national-oceanmonth/].

### USCG NMC – new CG-719 series of forms

The USCG National Maritime Center (NMC) issued a notice announcing the implementation dates for its new CG-719 series of forms. The new forms are available in a PDF fillable format. (6/1/18) [https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/NMC/pdfs/announcements/2018/new\_cg 719\_series\_forms.pdf].

### **USCG** – seeking cybersecurity specialist

The US Coast Guard posted an announcement stating that it seeks a marine transportation system cybersecurity specialist in Washington, DC. Applications must be received by 11 June. (5/31/18) [https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/501127100].

## DOE – marine & hydrokinetic metrics

The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a notice of its request for information (RFI) on marine and hydrokinetic (MHK) metrics in the United States for system and subsystem performance. Responses must be received by 31 July. 83 Fed. Reg. 25656 (6/4/18) [https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-06-04/pdf/2018-11941.pdf].

## **NOAA – Portland Harbor restoration plan**

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a notice stating that it has completed its Record of Decision (ROD) for the Final Portland harbor Environmental Impact Statement and Restoration Plan. 83 Fed. Reg. 25649 (6/4/18) [https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-06-04/pdf/2018-11906.pdf].

#### Tacoma – two marine terminal agreements approved

The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a news release stating that the Commissioners voted to allow two marine terminal agreements at the Port of Tacoma to enter into effect on 2 June as scheduled. (6/1/18) [https://www.fmc.gov/two\_marine\_terminal\_agreements\_at\_port\_of\_tacoma\_become\_effective/].

## **Port Everglades – potential air pollution reductions**

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a news release on its collaboration with the Port of Port Everglades to develop new methods for analyzing potential air pollution reductions. (6/1/18) [https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-port-everglades-report-shines-light-new-methods-analyzing-potential-air-pollution].

#### Senate – bill introduced re export of crude oil and LNG

Senator Markey (D-MA) introduced the Block All New Oil Exports Act (S. 2886) to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to reinstate the ban on the export of crude oil and natural gas produced in the United States, and for other purposes. (5/21/18) [https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115s2886is/pdf/BILLS-115s2886is.pdf].

# Senate – bill introduced re carriage of crude oil and LNG

Senator Wicker (R-MS) introduced the Energizing American Shipbuilding Act (S. 2916) to require a certain percentage of liquefied natural gas and crude oil exports be transported on United States-built and United Statesflag vessels, and for other purposes. Senator Wicker issued a press release explaining the measure. (5/22/18)[https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115s2916is/pdf/BILLS-115s2916is.pdf].

#### Canada – grounding due to fatigue

The Transportation Safety Board of Canada (TSB) issued the report of its investigation of the grounding and subsequent sinking of the articulated tugbarge (ATB) Nathan E. Stewart/DBL 55 near Bella Bella, British Columbia on 13 October 2016. The tug's hull was breached and approximately 110,000 liters of diesel oil were released. The grounding occurred after the sole watchkeeper on the bridge missed the scheduled turn, apparently due to falling asleep. Fatigue was a major factor. Report M16P0378 (6/1/18)

[http://www.tsb.gc.ca/eng/rapports-reports/marine/2016/m16p0378/m16p0378.pdf].

#### Panama Canal – Safe Boarding Week

The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory stating that Safe Boarding Week is scheduled for 2-6 July. All arriving vessels will be examined utilizing the Inspection Checklist for compliance with applicable standards. Advisory 19-2018 (6/1/18)

[https://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2018/a-19-2018.pdf].

## UK – safety bulletin re throw bag rescue lines

The UK Marine accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) issued a safety bulletin regarding potentially defective throw bag rescue lines. Safety Bulletin 2/2018 (6/1/18)

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5b10fe40e5274a18fe26653a/SB 2\_2018.pdf].

# UK – prevention of oil pollution regulations

The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued a notice stating that it is proposing to recast the merchant shipping prevention of oil pollution regulations. A consultation on this proposal is open until 29 July. (6/1/18) [https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-recasting-the-merchant-shipping-prevention-of-oil-pollution-regulations].

#### USCGA graduation – 4 June 1968

On June 4, 1968 (50 years ago today), 154 young men (this was prior to the Coast Guard discovering the full potential of half the population), marched onto Jones Field at the US Coast Guard Academy to receive their graduation diplomas from the Academy and their commissions as Ensigns in the USCG. Some ran up to the Academy Chapel to marry, others walked more slowly. All went on to distinguished careers. If memory serves (and it increasingly doesn't), five were selected for flag rank, with one of those eventually serving as Commandant. Time has thinned our ranks, but not our love for the Academy, the US Coast Guard, the nation, and our families. Semper Paratus!

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