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USCG – Great Lakes Pilotage rates



The US Coast Guard promulgated a final rule establishing new base rates and surcharges for Great Lakes Pilotage for the 2018 shipping season and making changes to the ratemaking methodology. The changes enter into effect on 5 July. **83 Fed. Reg. 26162** (6/5/18)
[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-06-05/pdf/2018-11969.pdf>].

St. Lawrence Seaway – tanker refloated



The Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway System issued a **news release** stating that the product tanker Chem Norma, which had grounded near Morrisburg, Ontario on 29 May, was pulled free and is undergoing inspection. It had not been blocking the Seaway. No pollution has been

observed. (6/3/18) [<http://www.greatlakes-seaway.com/en/news/press-releases/pr20180603.html>].

CMTS – maritime infrastructure seminar on 11 June



The Committee on the Marine Transportation System (CMTS) issued a **notice** announcing an industry outreach seminar on maritime infrastructure on 11 June in Washington, DC. Participants will include representatives from the US Coast Guard, the US Army Corps of Engineers, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and DHS Infrastructure Protection. The event will be live-streamed. (5/1/18) [<https://www.cmts.gov/posts/1cfe2f99-0aca-49a2-ae9-53edd4050395>].

Senate – bill introduced re evacuation routes



Senator Markey (D-MA) introduced the **Enhancing the Strength and Capacity of America's Primary Evacuation Routes Act** (S. 2951) to establish a grant program for projects to strengthen and protect vulnerable infrastructure used during mass evacuations, and for other purposes. (5/24/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115s2951is/pdf/BILLS-115s2951is.pdf>].

House – bill introduced re carriage of crude oil and LNG



Representative Garamendi (D-CA) introduced the **Energizing American Shipbuilding Act** (H.R. 5893) to require a certain percentage of liquefied natural gas and crude oil exports be transported on United States-built and United States-flag vessels, and for other purposes. (5/22/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115hr5893ih/pdf/BILLS-115hr5893ih.pdf>].

House – bill introduced re evacuation routes



Representative Keating (D-MA) introduced a bill (H.R. 5994) to direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish a grant program for projects to strengthen and protect vulnerable infrastructure used during mass evacuations, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (6/1/18).

Australia – investigation of overboard containers



The Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) issued a **notice** stating that it has opened an investigation into the 1 June loss of cargo containers overboard involving YM Efficiency abeam Port Stephens, NSW. (6/4/18)
[http://www.atsb.gov.au/publications/investigation_reports/2018/mair/344-mo-2018-008/].

Singapore – driving LNG bunkering



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a **news release** stating that it has awarded \$6 million to bunkering companies to drive ship-to-ship LNG bunkering. (6/4/18)
[<https://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/media-centre/news-releases/detail/803e10b2-cdcc-4144-a396-78c648b48e25>].

UK – alcohol limits for mariners



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued an amended Marine Guidance Note regarding alcohol limits for mariners on UK vessels worldwide and for vessels operating in UK waters. The new limit for blood is 0.05% or 50 milligram in 100 milliliters. The new limit for breath is 0.25 milligrams per liter or 25 micrograms in 100 milliliters. **MGN 590 (M+F)** (6/4/18)
[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/713568/MGN_590.pdf].

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