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## **Sabine Pass – disestablishment of anchorage ground**



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that it received a request for disestablishment of the Sabine Pass Channel Anchorage Ground. Comments must be received by 16 July. [83 Fed. Reg. 27932](https://www.fdsys.gov/pkg/FR-2018-06-15/pdf/2018-12910.pdf) (6/15/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-06-15/pdf/2018-12910.pdf>].

## **USCG – Maritime Commons LinkedIn page**



The US Coast Guard launched its [Maritime Commons LinkedIn page](https://www.linkedin.com/showcase/coast-guard-maritime-commons/). (6/14/18) [<https://www.linkedin.com/showcase/coast-guard-maritime-commons/>].

## Senate – bill introduced re transportation infrastructure assessment



Senator Rounds (R-SD) introduced the **United States Transportation Command Infrastructure Assessment Act of 2018** (S. 3043) to require USTRANSCOM assessments of transportation infrastructure. (6/11/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115s3043is/pdf/BILLS-115s3043is.pdf>].

## IMO – autonomous vessel discussions summarized



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** summarizing the autonomous vessel discussions at the recent session of the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 99). (6/14/18) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/06/14/6-14-2018-autonomous-vessels-key-point-of-discussion-at-imo/>].

## Paris MOU – 2017 performance lists



The Paris MOU issued a **press release** announcing availability of the 2017 performance lists (also known as the White-Grey-Black [WGB] List). Of note, the United States has moved from the White List to the Grey List. (6/14/18) [<https://www.parismou.org/2017-performance-lists-paris-mou>].

## Yemen – combat operations reported



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) posted an alert stating that combat operations are reported in the vicinity of Hudaydah, Yemen. Vessels transiting this area should exercise caution. **Alert 2018-007A** (6/13/18) [<https://www.marad.dot.gov/msci/alert/2018/28171/>].

## General Slocum fire – 15 June 1904



On 15 June 1904, the excursion steamer **General Slocum** caught fire while operating on the East River in New York City. More than 1,000 passengers and crew lost their lives. It was one of the worst maritime disasters in US history. Congress responded by adopting a series of bills providing the Steamboat Inspection Service with authority to prescribe measures to prevent and extinguish fires and to determine the amount and type of lifesaving equipment to be carried on board.

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