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USCG – BWMS type approval



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** announcing the a ballast water management system (BWMS) type approval has been issued to Samsung Heavy Industries Co. Ltd for its Samsung Purimar BWMS. (6/15/18)
[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/06/15/6-15-2018-marine-safety-center-issues-ballast-water-management-system-type-approval-certificate-to-samsung-heavy-industries-co-ltd/>].

New Orleans – safety zone proposed



The US Coast Guard proposes to establish a permanent safety zone on the Lower Mississippi River between mile markers 94 and 97 above head of Passes to be enforced during firework displays. Comments must be received by

18 July. **83 Fed. Reg. 28175** (6/18/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-06-18/pdf/2018-13025.pdf>].

NTSB – towing accident



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) issued the report of its investigation of the 3 May 2017 incident in Lake Pontchartrain during which the Coast Guard response boat *CG 29113* allided with the Highway 11 Bridge while responding to a non-distress search-and-rescue case involving an adrift Vanguard sailboat. The accident caused a minor injury to one of the four Coast Guard crewmembers and damage estimated at \$337,000 to the *CG 29113*. The sailboat, valued at \$20,000, eventually sank. The probable cause of the towing accident was the challenging circumstances during a stern-to-stern tow in deteriorating weather conditions, which fouled the *CG 29113*'s propellers and caused a loss of propulsion. Contributing to the accident was the dilapidated state of the sailboat, which complicated the attempt to tow the vessel, which subsequently sank. **MAB 18-12** (6/14/18) [<https://www.nts.gov/investigations/AccidentReports/Reports/MAB1812.pdf>].

DOE – offshore wind energy research



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a **news release** announcing that it is awarding \$18.5 million for offshore wind energy research. (6/15/18) [<https://www.energy.gov/articles/department-energy-announces-185-million-offshore-wind-research>].

EPA & USACE – waters of the United States



The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a **news release** stating that it and the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) are taking the next step in their joint efforts to redefine the 'waters of the United States' under the Clean Water Act. The proposed measure will be published in the Federal Register, seeking public comment. (6/15/18) [<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-and-army-take-next-step-joint-efforts-redefine-waters-united-states>].

MREN – Old River Control Structure



In the May 2018 edition of Maritime Reporter and Engineering News, you can find my article entitled “**Old River Control Structure**”. The article highlights the importance of this complex facility located in northern Louisiana to the ecology, environment, and livelihood of all facets of the Lower Mississippi River basin. It also discusses the ongoing efforts of the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to control Mother Nature and maintain the status quo. (6/15/18) [<http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/MREN/MREN180600.pdf>].

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