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## **St. Lawrence Seaway – new anchorage grounds**



The US Coast Guard promulgated a final rule establishing two separate anchorage grounds in the Saint Lawrence Seaway, Carleton Island Anchorage and Tibbetts Point Anchorage, near Cape Vincent, New York. The rule enters into effect on 30 July. **83 Fed. Reg. 30343** (6/28/18)  
[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-06-28/pdf/2018-13928.pdf>].

## **OFAC – Iranian sanctions**



The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) promulgated a final rule, effective immediately, amending the Iranian Transactions and Sanctions

Regulations to implement the President's 8 May decision to end US participation in the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) on Iran's nuclear program. **83 Fed. Reg. 30335** (6/28/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-06-28/pdf/2018-13939.pdf>].

### DOJ – proposed consent decree



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a notice that it has lodged in federal court a proposed consent decree related to a fishing vessel that allegedly violated the Clean Water Act by discharging oily waste from the vessel's bilge. Comments on the proposed decree must be received within 30 days. **83 Fed. Reg. 30459** (6/28/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-06-28/pdf/2018-13873.pdf>].

### NOAA – Science & Technology for America's Oceans



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) seeks comments on **Science and Technology for America's Oceans: A Decadal Vision**. Comments must be submitted by 27 August. **83 Fed. Reg. 30420** (6/28/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-06-28/pdf/2018-13926.pdf>].

### Senate – bill introduced re biometric card readers



Senator Sullivan (R-AK) introduced the **Transportation Worker Identification Credential Accountability Act of 2018** (S. 3094) to restrict the department in which the Coast Guard is operating from implementing any rule requiring the use of biometric readers for biometric transportation security cards until after submission to Congress of the results of an assessment of the effectiveness of the transportation security card program. (6/20/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115s3094is/pdf/BILLS-115s3094is.pdf>].

### Senate – bill introduced re marine aquaculture



Senator Wicker (R-MS) introduced a bill (S. 3138) to establish a regulatory system for marine aquaculture in the United States exclusive economic zone, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Senator Wicker issued a **press release** explaining the measure. (6/26/18)

[<https://www.wicker.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/press-releases?ID=FC457D50-9577-4CED-9271-C21695FE0B9D>].

### IMO – ship noise



The IMO issued a bulletin on **ship noise** and the negative impacts it can have on humans and marine life. (6/26/18)

[<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/HotTopics/Pages/Noise.aspx>].

### Panama Canal – second anniversary of expansion



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued a **press release** commemorating the second anniversary of the opening of the Expanded Panama Canal. (6/26/18) [<https://www.pan canal.com/eng/pr/press-releases/2018/06/26/pr653.html>].

### Panama Canal – maximum draft increased



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory stating that, effective immediately, the maximum authorized draft for vessels transiting the Neopanamax locks has been increased to 15.24 meters (50.0 feet) Tropical Fresh Water (TFW). **Advisory 24-2018** (6/26/18)

[<https://www.pan canal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2018/a-24-2018.pdf>].

### UK – MAIB annual report



The UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) posted its **Annual Report 2017**, summarizing accidents investigated during the year. (6/27/18) [<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/maib-annual-report-2017>].

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