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EPA – ECA workshop on 30 July



The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a notice stating that it will hold a workshop on 30 July in Washington, DC for a study on the impacts of compliance with the ECA fuel sulfur limits on US coastal shipping. **83 Fed. Reg. 31753** (7/9/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-07-09/pdf/2018-14681.pdf>]. *Note: This item was brought to my attention by my good friend Kelly Baughman of [Crowley Shipping](#).*

Court – no abuse of discretion



The US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit upheld the district court ruling lowering the interest rate on the security posted by a claimant in a maritime lien action from 6% per annum to 3.5%, the prevailing interest rate. The appellate court found no abuse of discretion. **ING Bank v MV Maritime King**, No. 16-3944-cv (2nd Cir., July 9, 2018) [<http://www.ca2.uscourts.gov/decisions/isysquery/319b5f77-1a16-4984-bcb3->

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IMO – ‘Empowering Women in the Maritime Community’



The IMO issued a **news release** stating that the World Maritime Day (WMD) theme for 2019 will be ‘Empowering Women in the Maritime Community’. (7/9/18)

[<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/13-WMD2019themeC120.aspx>].

IMO – award for bravery



The IMO issued a **news release** stating that this year’s Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea will be awarded to a rescue diver from China who made a series of underwater dives to personally rescue three crew members from a sunken cargo ship. (7/9/18)

[<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/14-C120Bravery.aspx>].

Singapore – safe navigation reminder



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a circular reminding stakeholders of the importance of safe navigation in the Singapore Strait and Singapore waters. Large numbers of ships of different types operate in these waters. Vessels indiscriminately anchored will be reported to their flag states. Information regarding vessels that damage submarine cables will be shared with the cable owners. Violations of the COLREGS will be prosecuted.

Shipping Circular 9-2018 (7/6/18)

[<https://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/port-of-singapore/circulars-and-notices/detail/a196a46f-c510-4d41-af2b-aad5cc3afd6b>].

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