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White House – Executive Order re ALJs



President Trump issued an **Executive Order** exempting administrative law judges (ALJs) from the competitive service and transferring them to the excepted service. This action was taken in response to a recent decision of the Supreme Court calling into question decisions of ALJs (such as those serving with the US Coast Guard and the Federal Maritime Commission). (7/10/18) [<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/executive-order-excepting-administrative-law-judges-competitive-service/>].

USCG – CSNCOE newsletter



The USCG Cruise Ship National Center of Expertise (CSNCOE) posted the **Summer 2018** edition of its semi-annual newsletter. This edition focuses on safety awareness. (7/10/18)
[<https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/CSNCOE/Newsletters/Issue%2019%20Summer%202018%20Edition.pdf?ver=2018-06-29-062845-680>].

IWUB – meeting on 30 August



The Inland Waterways Users Board (IWUB), sponsored by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), will meet on 30 August in Paducah. **83 Fed. Reg. 32102** (7/11/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-07-11/pdf/2018-14818.pdf>].

House – committee approves H.R. 6206



Representative Garamendi (D-CA) issued a **press release** stating that the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure approved his bill (H.R. 6206) which if enacted into law will require the US Coast Guard to create a Blue Technology Center of Expertize. (6/27/18)
[<https://garamendi.house.gov/media/press-releases/house-transportation-and-infrastructure-committee-advances-congressman-john>].

House – bill introduced to combat lionfish



Representative Soto (D-FL) introduced a bill (**H.R. 6255**) to amend title 18, United States Code, to establish measures to combat invasive lionfish, and for other purposes. (6/27/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115hr6255ih/pdf/BILLS-115hr6255ih.pdf>].

Court – lack of notice



In an unpublished decision, the US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit reversed a *sua sponte* summary judgment order in favor of defendant

vessel, stating that plaintiff lien claimant had been improperly denied notice and an opportunity to be heard. **ING Bank v MV Voge Fiesta**, No. 16-4023-cv (2nd Cir., July 10, 2018)

[[http://www.ca2.uscourts.gov/decisions/isysquery/8dfc63c4-2f68-4009-99f7-648bfc33fc93/5/doc/16-](http://www.ca2.uscourts.gov/decisions/isysquery/8dfc63c4-2f68-4009-99f7-648bfc33fc93/5/doc/16-4023_so.pdf#xml=http://www.ca2.uscourts.gov/decisions/isysquery/8dfc63c4-2f68-4009-99f7-648bfc33fc93/5/hilite/)

[4023_so.pdf#xml=http://www.ca2.uscourts.gov/decisions/isysquery/8dfc63c4-2f68-4009-99f7-648bfc33fc93/5/hilite/](http://www.ca2.uscourts.gov/decisions/isysquery/8dfc63c4-2f68-4009-99f7-648bfc33fc93/5/hilite/)].

EU – Maritime Security Action Plan



The Council of the European Union posted its **conclusions** on the revision of the EU Maritime Security Action Plan. (6/26/18)

[https://safety4sea.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/EU-Council-Council-conclusions-on-the-revision-of-the-European-Union-Maritime-Security-Strategy-EUMSS-Action-Plan-2018_06.pdf].

Paris MOU – infographic



The Paris MOU posted an **Infographic** summarizing the results of its examinations of vessels calling in member states' ports during 2017. (7/10/18) [<https://www.parismou.org/infographic-paris-mou-annual-2017>].

Hong Kong – shipping regulation amendments



The Hong Kong Marine Department issued a notice announcing that various shipping regulations have been amended to give effect to recent amendments to Annex II to MARPOL, as well as the BCH and IBC Codes. **Notice 109-2018** (6/29/18)

[<https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/notices/pdf/mdn18109.pdf>].

MREN – Vessel General Permit update



In the July 2018 edition of Maritime Reporter and Engineering News, you can find my article entitled "**Vessels General Permit update**". The article summarizes the Vessel General Permit (VGP) program promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to reduce emissions into the water from vessels. It points out that the current program expires in December 2018 and that the EPA has yet to unveil a proposed replacement. (7/10/18)

[<http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/MREN/MREN180700.pdf>].

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